

Fayetteville Brethren Church News **May, 2007**

Lunch in May & June: A potluck lunch will be held on May 20. In June, please come to the church celebration on the 24th at the Ellinger C of C Hall.

Memorials received – Memorials were made to the building fund last month in memory of Anna, Arque and Ello Elsik, Rev. Jindrich (Henry) Juren and Emil & Jennie Slovacek Coufal and to the Perpetual Care fund in memory of Ello, Anna & Arque Elsik. If you would like to make a memorial for a friend or a loved one you may do so at any time. Please note it on your check.

Sympathy extended to Beverly Mikeska & family – We extend our sympathy to Beverly on the death of her father.

Sign for church – The Board of Elders is making plans to get a new church sign for the corner of Kramr Rd/Ross Prairie Church Rd. They would like your input about what kind of sign to put up. The Board invites anyone with an idea for a church sign to please submit it. A few examples of church signs are on a poster in the church foyer. If you have seen a sign that you like, please take a picture of it and give it to Joe Ripple or any other board member by the end of May. We will be going over some design ideas at the May meeting.

Friends of the Hus Encampment – Thank you to everyone who supported the membership drive that was held in March. Our congregation has 26 friends of the Hus Encampment, of which 6 are life members. With your support, the Hus Encampment will be able to provide many good things for many people.

Commemorative Church Plate – We now have available commemorative plates with a picture of the church from the 1890s on the front along with a brief history and a list of the pastors who have served. It is a 9” plate with a 24K gold rim. We are selling them for a \$25 donation. They would make excellent gifts or collection item and come in individual gift boxes – ready for wrapping. If you would like to purchase one, please contact Liz Ripple. If you would like to have one shipped to you, please send \$25.00 plus \$5.00 for shipping and handling to FBC, PO Box 11, Fayetteville Texas 78940.

Church Sesquicentennial Cookbook: If you would like to order a cookbook, please let Liz Ripple know how many you would like. We are selling them for a \$20.00 donation of which all proceeds go to the building fund. If you would like to have one shipped to you, please send \$20.00 plus \$2.00 for shipping and handling to FBC, P.O. Box 11, Fayetteville Texas 78940.

The Christian Sisters’ Society: The Christian Sisters’ met Sunday, April 22 after the worship service with 11 members present. The meeting opened with a prayer; the hymn “Teach Me Thy Will” was sung and Liz Ripple gave a devotional on God’s will. Items

discussed were the silent auction and quilt show for the June Church Celebration and the salad luncheon on May 26 to benefit the La Grange Hospice office.

It was decided that the “Friendship Quilt” the Ladies Quilting group just finished quilting will be donated to the church celebration auction to benefit the church building fund. The quilting group is now working on the quilt that was started in February at the Christian Sisters’ Retreat and it was decided that this quilt will be put in the church auction and will benefit the Christian Sisters’ Society and go towards missions and local charity work. Martha, Ginger & Liz had an enjoyable time at the Christian Sister’s Union Retreat held April 21 at the Hus Encampment near Caldwell.

The winners of the raffle held on March 24 were: Jim Schmitt, Gene Menn, Louise Walker, Earnest Krishke, Colleen Jenke, Ginger Marshall, Evelyn Jecmenek, Katherine Brown, Doug Divin, Violet Krenek, Hruska’s Grocery, Joyce Gerik, Leo Noska, Kathy Miller, Ann Minar, Joe Ripple and winning the top prize of the handmade quilt – Colleen Walker. If you would like to join the Christian Sisters’ Society, please contact Beverly Mikeska or Liz Ripple. Dues (\$20) for 2007 can be paid now thru April 29. All ladies age 16 and over may become a member. You do not have to be a member of the church to join.

Board of Elders Report: The construction of the fellowship hall is complete and this project is paid for. The first function in the new hall was held on March 23 & 24 – the Christian Sisters’ garage sale/bake sale/raffle fundraiser. New tables for the hall have been ordered. Other items discussed were insurance on the new addition, parking lot project, church sign project, re-ordering church cookbooks, rental contract for church and fellowship hall and the June 24 church celebration. The Salad Luncheon on May 26 to benefit the La Grange Hospice office was approved earlier. Pauline Ott is the chairman of this event with Liz Ripple as co-chair.

On April 22 a congregational meeting was held to vote on a delegate and alternate to attend the Unity of the Brethren Convention at the Wall Brethren Church on July 5-7. Liz Ripple was voted to be our delegate and Crystal Thomas was voted to be the alternate delegate.

Donations are being accepted to help fund the parking lot project. At this time, we have \$1,612.80 in the building fund account. The cost of the parking lot is \$16,639.00. Another project for the immediate future that funds are being accepted for is a new church sign. We all hope for another successful church celebration, which benefits the building fund and these and other future projects. If you would like to make a donation for these and future projects, please make your check payable to “Fayetteville Brethren Building Fund.”

Be a part of our New Church Directory – On June 27, we will be taking pictures here in the fellowship hall along with the Industry Brethren Church, for a new church directory. We would like to have all our church members in this directory. The sign-up sheet for taking pictures is in the church foyer. Participation includes a complimentary

directory & a free 8x10 color portrait. Please bring your entire family even if some are not members of this church. The photographer will take some poses of church members for the directory only and then include the other members for the complimentary portrait and any other portraits that you may wish to purchase. Please also pick up the brochure provided by Olan Mills (also in the church foyer) to read some tips to assure great portraits. Please schedule your appointment soon.

Salad Luncheon for the LG Hospice – more soon.

Hus Camp – Registration forms for the Unity of the Brethren 2007 Summer Camping Program are in the foyer. The deadline for camp registration is May 15. There are several camps for our youth: Alpha Camp (ages 9-10); Pioneer Camp (ages 11-12); Discovery Camp (ages 13-14); and Hus School (ages 15 & above). Any child who wants to go to camp may go – you do not have to be a member of the church to attend. If you know of a child that wants to attend, please be informed that the cost is taken care of by our church. There will also be a Brethren Youth Fellowship retreat on July 21 & 22 at the Hus Camp. For more information, contact Rev Maly or Liz Ripple.

Our 9th Annual Church Celebration on June 24th: This is our church's main fundraiser to benefit our building fund. We will need everyone's help and support to make it a successful one. We will be serving turkey, ham and dressing with all the trimming at \$7.00 a plate; tickets will be available later this month. Auction items will be accepted at the Chamber of Commerce Hall in Ellinger on Saturday, June 23 from 9 AM to noon and Sunday, June 24 from 8 AM to 1 PM. Please start thinking about auction items and home-made or home grown items for the Country Store. We will also need baked goods for the bake sale. All these events will be held at the Chamber of Commerce Hall in Ellinger.

Sunday, May 27: An 8:00 AM worship service will be held on May 27 followed by Sunday School. The Board of Elders approved this change due to the Ellinger Chamber of Commerce festival.

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| <p>PRAYER FOCUS Pray for the July Unity Convention. Pray that God will reveal to you His desire for our Unity and then pray →</p> | <p>that His will is done by the delegates. Pray that our Unity and our churches will be enthusiastic participants in God's great harvest.</p> | <p>1 Worship God every morning. Tell Him you love Him. Allow Him full access to your heart. Listen with your heart and mind in order that He may direct your steps. Long for more of Him.</p> | <p>2 Praise God that He is a God of restoration. When we fail, and we will fail, He is always willing to restore us. Father, we admit we fall short of your desire for us. Restore me when I fail.</p> | <p>3 Father, I extend my hand to you today. I am weak. I need Your power to sustain me in a life of victory. I can do all things through you. Release me from all that hinders our relationship.</p> | <p>4 Youth Fishing Retreat begins today. Pray for their safety & fellowship. Lord, You taught some of the apostles who were fishermen to fish for men. Teach us also to be "fishers of men."</p> | <p>5 Father, much of what I do is the result of traditions I have grown into. Give me fresh insight and discernment that my devotion to You, My God, take precedence over everything else.</p> |
| <p>6 Lord, we lift up our praises to You with a joyful shout of our spirit. Guide us by Your hand to new levels of spiritual maturity. Reveal to us the next level of your glory. Manifest Your Holy presence among us.</p> | <p>7 Lord Jesus, I trust in You for my salvation. I cannot save myself by works. Only my faith in You will see me through this present journey. Strengthen me daily by the power of your spirit as I walk in certain faith.</p> | <p>8 Pray for all of our missionaries. Father, empower them in their call to teach and disciple the nations. Empower them to plant seeds for the future and to harvest the abundance of seeds planted by others.</p> | <p>9 Lord, I long for a more intimate relationship with You. Help me to overcome distractions and things that get in the way. Bring my entire being in tune to the voice of Your spirit. Keep me on the right path.</p> | <p>10 Father, when we become comfortable with little sins and things that enslave us, stir and awaken us with a dissatisfaction of our situation. Restore us and call us to Your eternal purposes.</p> | <p>11 Pray that by the power of God's Holy Spirit, actions will be taken at the upcoming Unity convention that will bring fresh wind, fresh fire to all of our churches; that they will know us by our love.</p> | <p>12 Lord, the cares of the world will cause us to lose our focus. Help us to rise above our cares and concerns. Give us victory over anxiety about things we cannot control. Lord, we turn our cares over to You and depend on You.</p> |
| <p>13 Lord, prepare our hearts and minds for worship. When we consider Your glory, we stand in awe of Your presence. We welcome and receive You that our joy may be full.</p> | <p>14 Lord, sometimes we are so foolish. We are disobedient and then pretend that You don't know. You know my every thought before I say them. Lord, give me a pure heart.</p> | <p>15 Registration deadline for Alpha, Pioneer & Discovery camps. Lord, You know which youth desperately need spiritual guidance they will receive at camp. Send encouragement.</p> | <p>16 Father, help me remove the boundaries that exist in my mind and heart that keep me from fully following You; Replace them with trust so that Your power can work unhindered in me.</p> | <p>17 Pray for the children among us. Pray that God will plant within their hearts the desire and power to be His generation; that they will do great things and not be tainted by the worldly.</p> | <p>18 Father, give us a tender heart to recognize and be sensitive to those who are poor, ill, lonely, grieving and those taken over by hopelessness. Teach us how we can be Your hands and feet.</p> | <p>19 Pray that your church's entire worship be seen as a prayer of your church for the hope of the world. See it as your special prayer for the reign of God. A prayer, not a program.</p> |
| <p>20 Praise and worship God today even if things are not going your way; even if you are facing all kinds of adversity. Worship Him even if you hurt. Be still and know that He is God.</p> | <p>21 Father, I listen to You today with an open mind. I will not let old mindsets keep me from hearing glorious new things You want to reveal to me. Yes, do continue to transform me.</p> | <p>22 Lord, search my heart and bring to the surface all impurities so that I can see You more clearly. Expose unbelief, anger and bitterness and reveal every part of me contaminated by sin.</p> | <p>23 Lord, I just know that I want and need more of Your presence in my life. Purify me in order that Your glory may flow through me. Remove my spiritual blindness & deafness.</p> | <p>24 There is much bad news and problems surround us. Rejoice. Jesus told us that He has overcome the world. Go to God with praise and thanksgiving that Jesus has won the victory.</p> | <p>25 Pray for our nation and our leaders. Pray for our military men and women who are now in very dangerous parts of the world. Lord, may no weapon formed against them prosper.</p> | <p>26 Lord, we prepare our hearts to worship You tomorrow. May our worship be of one accord and may it be like a harmonious song in unison, in one voice to You through Jesus Christ.</p> |
| <p>27 Father, as we worship today, wash away the doubts that block Your power in our lives. Let us once again expect that we will see Your miracles performed among us, in our midst. Come Lord Jesus.</p> | <p>28 Many of us are living in a comfort zone. It appears safe, no surprises. Outside is the fear of the unknown. Father, I know my comfort zone limits my service to You and keeps me from spiritual growth. Father, courage to move.</p> | <p>29 Are there areas of your mind embracing things unbecoming of a child of God? It pains our Lord to see us captive. He desires for us the freedom of pure thoughts. Pray to overcome temptation.</p> | <p>30 Pray that the men in our churches will rise up and assume their spiritual roles. Pray for a generation of men willing to bow down before God and stand in the gap; for family, church, community and nation.</p> | <p>31 Pray for children and young adults out of schools and colleges for the summer. Lord, be with them during this time of refreshment. Lead them to use their time wisely that they might grow in faith.</p> | <p>View or download this calendar on the Unity website: unityofthebrethren.org Click on "calendar" and then "DPC". Subscribe at: dailypraycal@hot.rr.com</p> | |

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