

Fayetteville Brethren Church News

June, 2007

God is our refuge and strength!

Pastor: Rev. Milton Maly Sunday Worship Service 10:30 AM
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Upcoming Events:

June 3 & 17 (Sun.)

June 8 & 22 (Fri)

June 17 (Sun.)

June 24 (Sun.)

June 27 (Wed.)

Faith Sharing, 7:00 PM

Prayer & Praise

Father's Day – Holy Communion

9th Annual Church Celebration

(Lunch served at Ellinger C of C hall)

Pictures will be taken for a new

Church directory (please see

article below)

Pastor's Corner:

"And all who believed were together and had all things in common and they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they partook of food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved." (Acts 2:44-47).

The above is a description of the life of the body of believers, the early Christians, after Jesus' Ascension and Peter's Pentecostal sermon. This is a description of the true body of Christ, the Church, in its most beautiful condition.

After the loss of our home, my family and I received the most astounding outpouring of love I believe that any family has ever experienced: visits, gifts, offers to help, offers of a place to stay, prayers, prayers and more prayers. Our difficult time was, without a doubt, made much more bearable because of the love of fellow Christian friends.

During that time, a thought continued to go through my mind....and it had nothing to do specifically with our own loss. The message I heard from this experience can be summed up in this one question: "If Christians can come together to help a fellow Christian family in a difficult time, what does it say about the potential for those same folks to carry out the Lord's work....whatever it may be?"

The potential is there; not doubt about it. Now, I have no specific work in mind, I am thinking only about what it would take for us, as God's folks...the followers of His Son.... to generate the same response in some area of need. That need could be our own spiritual up-building, it could be a mission to others, it could be in the form of a service to some particular difficulty others are going through.

The early Christians, as described in Acts, were obviously inspired just to be Jesus' followers. They saw how they were all related, brothers and sisters, by their commitment to the Lord, and the need of one was seen as a need of all; the joy of one was seen as the joy of all. They lived and worked with one accord.

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In our time the most difficult adjustment we have to make, after being inspired to do something, is to put as the first guideline the principle of working together in harmony. This is difficult because confrontation, angry words, wanting our ideas to prevail (even at the cost of division) is the way people operate. We are exposed to this daily in the "entertainment" world, in politics, in family relationships.

Even among Christians, the loving Spirit of our Lord as seen in His teachings and His conversations, is rarely seen. The gifts of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control are seldom witnessed.

Therefore we, as God's people, must begin all of our efforts in His behalf with that thought in mind. The motto of the Unit of the Brethren says it well:

In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, in all things love.

Rev. Maly

An additional note: "THANK YOU" for all of the birthday greetings you sent me as I ripped up another calendar of my life. As the one from my in-laws said: "The fun of getting older is the joy of seeing other people going over the hill!"

Prayer Concerns:

Pauline Ott
Leara Henneke
Safe travels for those on the road
Raina and Rick Longobardi on the birth of their daughter
Our recent high school and college graduates
Brenda Hammond (daughter of Pauline and David Ott)
Mrs. Corinne Spacek and the family of Mr. J.D. Spacek
Matthew Kelly and fellow companions on their mission trip to Peru
Estelle Vasut (mother of Ed Vasut)
Rose Lundeen – daughter of Doris and Laddie Ripple
Charles and Millie Schiller, Anita Coufal and Edgar Dudensing of
Industry Brethren Church
Ed and Edna Krivacka and their son Mark and family (neighbor to Edith Rek)
The Thiessens (our missionary family in Mexico) and Jill Miller
For our military personnel serving in Iraq and other places
Ginger Marshall's sister and brother-in-law
Tamara and Cynthia – Crystal Thomas' sisters
Mrs. Waldine Oncken – daughter of Henry and Sabina Elsik
Elroy Geisler (brother to Doris Cervenka)
Betty Favor (sister to Lee Roy Cervenka)
Joe Hayek and Evelyn Koehl
Charisse Richarz (Rev. Maly's fellow Spanish instructor at Blinn).
Matthew Boer and family (friends of the Malys)
The persecuted church
Gregory Maly (serving in the Air Force overseas)
John Ragsdale and his sons
For individuals who are overcoming alcoholism and maintaining sobriety

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June Birthdays

18 – Joe Hayek 24 – Riley Longobardi

Flowers and Communion Set-up:

For June – Martha and Jerry Dove - thank you!
Holy Communion will be observed on Father's Day, June 17th.

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- 1) **Lunch in June and July:** Please come to the church celebration on June 24th at the Ellinger Chamber of Commerce Hall on Sunday, June 24th. On July 22, we will have a Potluck lunch here at the church.
- 2) **Sunday Morning Adult Study on Hebrews** is being led by Mike and Elaine Kelly. Please come and grow in faith as we study God's world.
- 3) **Sunday School for young people:** Martha Dove and Louise Walker are leading this class each Sunday morning and invite all young people in the congregation to attend. Please bring your children, grandchildren and neighbors to this class led by these two special teachers!
- 4) **Faith Sharing:** **Sunday, June 3rd and 17 at 7:00 PM at church.** Please come and be encouraged as members give testimony to Jesus' presence in their lives.
- 5) **Men's Prayer Breakfast:** Meets each Monday at 6:45 AM at the church. Please contact Jim Walker, Jerry Marshall or Ed Vasut if you have questions.
- 6) **Prayer and Praise Service:** **Friday, June 8th and 22nd at 7:00 PM at church.** Please come ready to sing your favorite songs as we sing praises to our wonderful Lord! We have time of singing each person's favorite hymn followed by a brief time of prayer.
- 7) **Our 9th Annual Church Celebration on June 24th:** We will need everyone's help and support to make this a successful one. A catered meal of turkey, ham and dressing with all the trimmings will be served from 11:15 to 1:00 PM. Tickets are \$7.00 to eat there or take out and are available now at Koehl's Portable Buildings, Town Square Realty or any church elder. Tickets will also be sold at the door. Providing entertainment during the meal will be Kovanda's Czech Band.

Auction items will be accepted at the church after May 26 and at the Chamber of Commerce Hall in Ellinger on Saturday, June 23 from 9:00 AM to noon and Sunday, June 24 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 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.

Worksheets will be mailed out later this month. If you do not receive one OR if you are not on the duty roster and would like to help, please let Liz Ripple know. Your support and donations are appreciated. All proceeds will benefit the Building Fund.

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- 8) **Christian Sisters Silent Auction and Quilt show:** will be held in conjunction with the church celebration on June 24th. It is time to pull out all of your quilts and/or quilted items for the quilt show at our June 24th celebration. Any quilts, old, new, good condition or not. Please write out a little about the quilt, where you got it, who made it (if you know), etc. If you need the quilts to be picked up, please contact Martha, Ginger or Louise and we will pick them up.
- Also, we will be collecting items for our silent auction. We did so well last year for our Mission work, we hope to do the same or better this year.
- 9) **Be a part of our New Church Directory -** On June 27th, 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 and a free 8"x10" 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. **If you will not be available to take pictures on June 27, please contact Liz Ripple;** we would like to have 100% participation and she can take your picture with a digital camera.
- 10) **Please remember our military personnel:** We averaging one box per month set to our military. Some items needed are: Visine eye drops, beef jerky, hand sanitizer, candy of Any kind except chocolate, instant drink mixes, Gatorade, foot powder, sinus medicine, mini-Bibles, lip balm, LETTERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT. A full list will be in the narthex. Call Martha or Jerry Dove if you would like for us to pick up items. THANKS SO MUCH FOR ALL WHO HAVE DONATED ITEMS.
- 11) **Board of Elders Report:** The Board of Elders met May 23rd. Items discussed were the parking lot project, church sign project, re-ordering church cookbooks, rental contract for the church and fellowship hall, the June 24th church celebration and someone to clean the church and hall on a regular basis. Due to a conflict, we will not be having a rest stop at the Good Old Summertime bike ride on June 3rd. The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 20th at 7:00 PM at the church.

Donations are being accepted to help fund the parking lot project. At this time, we have \$2,292.20 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."

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- 12) **62nd Convention of the Unity of the Brethren:** The convention is fast approaching. It will be at Wall Brethren Church starting July 5 through July 7. Liz Ripple will serve as our delegate at the convention; Crystal Thomas is the alternate and Ed Vasut will represent our congregation and Industry Brethren on the Synodical Committee. If anyone is interested in attending, please see Liz about lodging information. The agenda is on our website www.fayettevillebrethrenchurch.org. Check-in is at 4:30 PM on July 5th; worship and communion will begin at 7:00 PM with a business meeting afterwards. Breakfast on Friday is at 8:00 AM with meetings afterwards; lunch is at noon; guests speaker – Jon Huss; afternoon session – 1:30 PM; evening meal – 6:00 PM; worship – 7:00 PM. Saturday morning session – 9:00 AM; lunch at noon; business following lunch if needed. Convention reports will be made available on the Unity website by June 20 (www.unityofthebrethren.org).

This year commemorates the 550th year of the formation of the Unity of the Brethren (Jednota Bratrská). A special guest, Jon Huss, a direct descendant of a sibling of Jan Hus, will be the speaker. Jon Huss is a bit of a history buff, and is familiar with the history of the Unity of the Brethren. He has knowledge of his lineage and will be sharing his testimony as well as his insight into that lineage. Jon is scheduled to speak on Friday, July 6, right after lunch.

Please pray that God's will and agenda will be upheld and that the Holy Spirit will be present to guide and direct all participants. Pray that a spirit of unity will reside during the Convention and that all participants will be united in love and truth.

- 13) **Flowers, Communion Set up and Church cleaning:** Volunteers are needed for the month of July, August and October. If you cannot take a whole month, please share with someone. The Board of Elders discussed the cleaning of the church and while volunteers are appreciated to help with the cleaning, it was decided that since we have a new fellowship hall and additional restrooms, this job has gotten too big to expect anyone to clean everything. The Board agreed to have Blaise McKenzie clean the church and hall for \$10.00 an hour. When you volunteer for a month, your duties will now be to: bring flowers and set-up communion. As always, volunteers are appreciated to help with the cleaning in the sanctuary.

Also, anytime the fellowship hall is used (fellowship lunch, church functions, etc.) volunteers are appreciated to help clean it before everyone leaves (take out all the garbage, reline garbage cans, clean kitchen, wipe tables, sweep, leave hall as it was found). Other things that need to be done whenever the church or hall is used: shut off the A/C (or heat), clean and unplug the coffee pot if it was used, remove trash and replace trash bags, cut off all lights, lock all church doors -- both top and bottom locks, shut off water in the pump house – making sure all switches are cut off, and lock the building. Doing these things will help insure efficient operation of our church building.

- 14) **Country store items needed:** Please remember to bring an item (homemade or home grown would be nice!) for the country store at our Church celebration on June 24th!

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- 15) **Congratulations** and God's blessings are extended to Raina and Rick Longobardi on the birth of their daughter, Reese Danielle Longobardi. Reese was born on Sunday, May 27 and is 7 lb 10 oz and 20" long. Proud grandparents are Liz and Joe Ripple, Margaret and Eugene Michalsky are the new great-grandparents and Blaise McKinzie is the new aunt.



- 16) **Hospice Salad Luncheon Fundraiser:** *(from Pauline Ott)* A very special thank you to the Christian Sisters and members of the Fayetteville Brethren Church who decorated the fellowship hall, made and presented the most wonderful salad luncheon. A very gracious thank you to our church and community who supported our Hospice fundraiser. We served 58 plates and raised \$500.00 that will be donated to the new La Grange Hospice office building. Again, thank you to all who participated in anyway.
- 17) **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.
- 18) **The Christian Sisters' Society:** The Christian Sisters' met Sunday, May 20 after the worship service with 7 members present. Items discussed were the silent auction and quilt show for the June Church Celebration, the salad luncheon on May 26th to benefit the La Grange Hospice office and ways to spend some of the money we have raised. If you would like to join the Christian Sisters' Society, please contact Beverly Mikeska or Liz Ripple. Dues are \$20. You do not have to be a member of the church to join.
- 19) **Commemorative Church Plate:** We now have available a commemorative plate with a picture of the church from the 1890's 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 birthday presents 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, TX 78940
- 20) **Church Sesquicentennial Cookbook:** These cookbooks make ideal gifts and contain many

special recipes. 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 mailed to you, send \$20.00 plus \$2.00 for shipping and handling to FBC, P.O. Box 11, Fayetteville, TX 78940

21) Memorials received – Memorials were made to the building fund last month in memory Anna, Arque and Elo Elsik and to the Perpetual Care fund in memory of Ellen and L.G. (Tom) Kubena and Anna, Arque and Elo Elsik. If you would like to give a memorial for a friend or a loved one you may do so at any time. Please note it on your check.

22) July Newsletter deadline: Articles are due **no later than *June 25th***, please.

Closing Thoughts:

Converting units

2000 pounds of Chinese soup = 1 Won ton

Weight an evangelist carries with God = 1 billigram

1,000,000 aches = 1 megahurtz

Basic unit of laryngitis = 1 hoarsepower

Time between slipping on a peel and hitting the pavement = 1 bananosecond

intravenous surgical tubing at Yale University Hospital = 1 IV League

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| <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> | <p>THE DAILY PRAYER CALENDAR IS AVAILABLE BY MAIL OR EMAIL FOR A BULLETIN/NEWSLETTER. Daily Prayer Calendar Editor 100 Calvin Drive Temple, TX 76501 or email the following to subscribe: dailypraycal@hot.rr.com</p> | <p>PRAYER FOCUS <i>All Brethren, pray daily for the July 5-7 Unity Convention. Pray that the Convention will be Christ-centered & →</i></p> | <p><i>that God will clearly reveal His vision for our denomination. Pray that out of the experience and actions of the convention will →</i></p> | <p><i>come refreshment, renewal and revival. Pray that there is aroused in the hearts of Brethren a hunger to know God more intimately.</i></p> | <p>1 Father, today we just come to You with thanksgiving and praise. We bless Your name for You are good and Your lovingkindness is everlasting and Your faithfulness to all generations for ever.</p> | <p>2 Hus School starts tomorrow through the 22nd. Place notations on your calendar to remind you to pray for the youth that will be attending. Pray for students and the adult leaders and counselors.</p> |
| <p>3 Father, I pray that Your Spirit will be present as we worship today. I pray that everything we do, say and sing, that Your Spirit will be there ministering & changing lives inside out.</p> | <p>4 People in our communities are starving for God's Word. Many are not being taught. Father, awaken and nourish in us mission and purpose allowing us to be used to teach Your Word.</p> | <p>5 Father, let us arise to the task and not allow events in this world to distract, discourage or halt us from our advancing the Kingdom. Plant seeds for the harvest without ceasing.</p> | <p>6 Lord, we humble ourselves before You. Whoever has anxiety about something, cast it upon the Lord for he cares for each of us. Keep us alert and firm in our faith resisting evil.</p> | <p>7 Lord, whatever it is that is not happening for us on schedule, grow our patience that we may stand even through discomfort and pain; to be in the proper place and mindset at the right time.</p> | <p>8 Father, give the leaders of the church the vision, wisdom and passion to teach this generation of believers; to know how to hear the voice of God thru proper teaching & strong values.</p> | <p>9 Lord, I pray that You will work in family relationships, especially between parents and children. Empower Your church to build up the family, the core of Your church. Strength.</p> |
| <p>10 Lord, allow us to enter into Your rest today. May Your name be glorified. We desire to gather in Your presence and focus our love and attention on Your Holy name. Praise! Worship!</p> | <p>11 Father, teach us to give with a right heart; not to give for purpose of expecting repayment of blessings. Teach us to be givers simply because in our heart and spirit, we want to give to You.</p> | <p>12 Father God, use me today as in instrument of Your message that the saving power of the precious blood of Christ might be known. Give me passion to desire to see people come to know You.</p> | <p>13 Father, forgive me for those times I turn away and go my own way and do what is right in my own eyes. Forgive me from all unrighteousness; give me strength to follow Your way & plan for me.</p> | <p>14 Father, forgive me for the times when I cover Your light instead of bringing it forth for all to see. Plant within me a passion to love You more; embrace evangelism to make Your light shine.</p> | <p>15 Lord, help me to see and accept that whatever it is that You want me to do, though it may seem impossible at the time, I know that You will empower me and make it possible.</p> | <p>16 Father, there are pastors and leaders in the Unity who may be facing change and difficulties. Father you know who they are and what they are facing. We intercede in prayer for them.</p> |
| <p>17 Father's Day. "A good man leaves an inheritance for his children's children..." Proverbs 13:22 (N.I.V.) Father, may the inheritance we leave be strength and faith to believe for the impossible.</p> | <p>18 Lord, I agree with Isaiah 40:31 which states those who wait on You will renew their strength and mount up with wings like eagles and not become weary. Thank You that I can disciple the next generation.</p> | <p>19 Pray for discernment and wisdom about what to do and what not to do & strength to obey; power to resist immorality, profanity (TV/movies, etc) and remain a clean vessel not offending the Holy Spirit. Clean for ministry</p> | <p>20 Lord, I know that my life could be so much more certain if I could just surrender and yield to you. It is so difficult for me to give up control and that is when I mess up. Lord, keep working teaching me to trust You.</p> | <p>21 Lord Jesus, sometimes we wonder where You are. We can't see you because of all the obstacles that get in the way. Jesus, You are right here beside us. Help us to get rid of all the junk that obscures our view.</p> | <p>22 Lord, give us compassion as we minister to the sick among us. Give us faith today to trust in the supernatural power of healing. Yes, Lord, we believe You have the power to heal; today!</p> | <p>23 Discovery Conf. starts tomorrow through the 29th. Pray for the 13 and 14 year olds and for their counselors. Pray for this opportunity for relationship with Christ and God's Word to take root in their lives.</p> |
| <p>24 Lord, we surrender our lives in worship. Take all that is pleasing to You and build us up with You in the center of everything. What is left do as You will with it. We want only to please You.</p> | <p>25 Father, I pray for _____ who does not appear to know You. Pray that their heart will be open to consider their mortality so as to be open to the Gospel. Give me the right words to help them.</p> | <p>26 Yes, Lord, we do believe that You will return to claim Your own, to establish Your Kingdom. Lord, help me to focus on being ready if that day should come today or tomorrow.</p> | <p>27 Father, the martyrdom of Turkish Christians reminds us of the tribulation that faces many who obey the command of Mat. 28:19. Father, protect all who proclaim Your message.</p> | <p>28 Pray about binding up the brokenhearted among you. Pray for healing for those who suffered loss/tragedy. Pray for repentance and forgiveness for those who failed morally.</p> | <p>29 Do you feel God has called you to do something that now seems impossible? Pray about conquering your fear when your faith is tested. Lord, be with us to help us conquer our fears.</p> | <p>30 Whenever you accept a call to some ministry, remember that God's power flows most freely to one who is morally pure, one who has repented. Seek His anointing/wisdom.</p> |