

Fayetteville Brethren Church News
September, 2007

Sept 2 & 16 – Faith Sharing – 7 PM

Sept 9 – Grandparents Day – Holy Communion

Sept 14 & 28 – Praise & Prayer – 7 PM

Sept 16 – Congregational Meeting (see article following)

Sept 23 – Fellowship lunch; Christian Sisters' meeting after the lunch

Oct 21 – Worship service at 8:00 a.m.

Lunch in September & October: We will have potluck fellowship lunches on September 23 in observance of Founder's Day and October 28 for Pastor's Appreciation Day.

Flowers, Communion Set-up, Church Cleaning: Doris & Lee Roy Cervenka have taken the month of September.

Congregational Meeting Sept 16 – The Elders have set a congregational meeting for Sept 16 to discuss and vote on the referendum results from the Unity Convention that was held at Wall Brethren Church on July 5-7. All members with email have been sent a copy of the referendum. If anyone would like to see a hardcopy before the meeting or if you have email and did not receive a copy, please see Liz Ripple. We also need to vote on a Synodical Committee member to represent our church and a by-law change considering the price of cemetery lots will be discussed.

Founder's Day Observance – Sept 23 – We want to remember those members from 1987 that kept our little church going through some very tough times when membership was on the decline. Of the approximately 35 members, only 3 are still living. A special day of worship, praise and celebration of God's wonderful blessings is planned. There will be memories of the past, visions for the future, fellowship and a covered dish luncheon. Join us in greeting old friends and meeting new ones.

Dedication Service for Fellowship Hall - A dedication service with special praise music will begin at 10:30 AM on Saturday, Oct 13. A BBQ lunch (free will donation) will be served at noon. Everyone is invited to attend.

Memorials received – A memorial was made to the building fund last month in memory of Anna, Arque and Ello 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.

Commemorative Church Plate – We have commemorative plates that have on them a picture of the church from the 1890s, 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, Aug 19 after the fellowship lunch with 11 members present. The sisters' have had a very successful year with their fundraisers and planned the spending of \$3500 which will benefit several programs in the Unity, the local church and the community. The progressive dinner will be held on Saturday, Dec 8. It was voted to have appetizers at one home and desserts at another, so we will need 2 volunteers to open their homes for this occasion. The spring fundraiser was set for March 29. Anyone who wants to donate towards the raffle should contact Liz Ripple. The next meeting will be Sept 23 after the fellowship lunch. 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.

Board of Elders Report: The Board of Elders met Aug 21. The church directory should be ready by the end of October. Minarcik Construction will be installing the ramp and hand rails on the front porch. Liz Ripple gave a report from the Christian Sisters Society. The next meeting will be Wed, Sept 26 at 7 PM at the church. Donations are always accepted to help fund future building projects. If you would like to make a donation, please make your check payable to "Fayetteville Brethren Building Fund."

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>View or download this calendar on the Unity website: unityofthebrethren.org Click on "calendar" and the "DPC". Subscribe at: dailypraycal@hotmail.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@hotmail.com</p>	<p>PRAYER FOCUS <i>Father, I receive the callings and giftings, even those I have previously refused. I accept I do not need to know how to →</i></p>	<p><i>make this work, I only need to say "yes" to Your gifts and callings.</i> <i>Father, I know the truth of Your →</i></p>	<p><i>Word can help me stand against a secular, godless worldview. I pray for Bible study groups to be formed in every →</i></p>	<p><i>Brethren Church.</i> <i>Father, touch the heart of a person in every U. of B. church to lead a group of prayer intercessors.</i></p>	<p>1 Dear Father, continue to close doors that lead to paths You do not want me to take. Instead, open doors that lead me on the road to Your plan for my growth and life. Help me to listen better and trust.</p>
<p>2 Let us thank God for His goodness. Let us praise Him with our words and song declaring His glory. Let us move beyond praise and worship him mightily with our heart in spirit and in truth.</p>	<p>3 Labor Day today. This is a good time to focus on how we use our time. Pray for God's direction of your priorities. Pray about other important priorities in addition to your work. Such as time with God and family.</p>	<p>4 Our prayers are powerful and necessary and they do protect us; our nation and church. Let us not grow weary as worldwide attacks on the church increase. Let us pray and fear not as God makes us more powerful.</p>	<p>5 Father, many churches and their leaders/pastors have grown weary. Send a second wind to refresh and energize. Inspire a new birthing of changed lives that will be clearly evident to all peoples in our communities.</p>	<p>6 Perhaps God has chosen you for some mission in life. It was clear to you but now the road has become difficult as you encounter roadblocks. Constant prayer will yield rewards. Don't give up on God!</p>	<p>7 Lord, fill my heart with mercy and grace. Although I may have my own troubles, yet may my heart be filled with compassion for the lonely and downtrodden. A good heart concerned for the hurting and lost souls.</p>	<p>8 Lord, beginning today, I will make an extra effort to give priority to prayer and Bible study. So often, I have allowed the less important things in my schedule crowd out my time with You. Help me with my priorities.</p>
<p>9 Father, forgive us for not always keeping the Sabbath holy; when we engage in activity that gets in the way of worshipping and serving You. Father, we invite You into our presence.</p>	<p>10 Pray for schools in your community. Pray for Christian teachers to have boldness to share the Gospel; for students/others to set up Bible study classes as now permitted by law.</p>	<p>11 Lord, You command us to not covet. May I be truly satisfied and at peace with what I have and not be driven to make possessions, things and activity my gods. May my life reflect Your value.</p>	<p>12 Lord, every day that I live, Your love amazes me. I am undeserving, yet You bless me. I know even now, I am on the edge of new opportunities You have prepared for me. Faith to posses them!</p>	<p>13 God has many good gifts He wants to give us. They are not always the things we want. Pray for discernment. Pray for the good gift of the Holy Spirit to guide you in all that you do.</p>	<p>14 Dear Father, give us clean and pure hearts that we may truly serve You and that our worship is acceptable to You. Continue our transformation to be more like You.</p>	<p>15 Pray for the newly elected leaders of the Unity of the Brethren. Seek out their names in the B.J. or from your S.C. representative. Seek out and pray for exciting things in the Unity.</p>
<p>16 Pray your pastor and we who worship immerse ourselves in communication with God and engage all our mind, heart and senses. Pray about how to worship in truth and spirit.</p>	<p>17 Lord, help us discern needs of people we disciple. Alert us to seek Your guidance about what you desire for a person's life. Let us always seek Your direction and power.</p>	<p>18 Pray for those you know whose marriages are experiencing challenges. Pray for love, patience, understanding and a desire for reconciliation and true growth</p>	<p>19 Pray for college students whose faith is being challenged by instructors with a secular worldview. Pray that the truth imparted to us in the Bible will guide and strengthen them.</p>	<p>20 Heb. 3:13 speaks of us encouraging one another. Lord, surely, someone will cross my path who needs encouragement. Make me sensitive to such need and how to respond.</p>	<p>21 Yes Lord, I believe I am Your workmanship and I yield myself to Your goodness. Cause me to be all You have in Your heart for me to be dear Jesus and I give You all the glory. Amen</p>	<p>22 Lord, thank You for cleansing me. When I fail, and quickly repent, the blood of Christ has washed me, purified me of sins. Strengthen me, empower me to live a life that is pure. Faithful!</p>
<p>23 Praise God that He renews our strength day by day. Praise God for <u>He has transformed you.</u> 30 Praise God that you can anchor your faith in Christ to take you thru any trouble you may face.</p>	<p>24 Father, we pray that You will impart vision and discernment to the leaders and pastors of our Unity (& all churches). Make us sensitive to the Holy Spirit. Make us aware of Your heart for the Body of Christ.</p>	<p>25 Pray for friends, family members or people in your congregation who are going through difficult times. Grief, health challenges, work difficulties or relationship challenges. Pray for God's healing touch.</p>	<p>26 Jesus by example displayed His care for the downtrodden of the world. Pray for the weak, poor and forgotten. Pray about specific things we and our churches can do. Pray for power and hope.</p>	<p>27 Pray about how God can use your weakness and inadequacies to display His power. Thank God that His power and grace will always be sufficient to meet your needs. Read 2 Corinthians 12:9-10</p>	<p>28 Pray for God's spirit and power to spread across this land. Pray for the spirit of repentance to spread from shore to shore followed by spiritual renewal that will bring God great glory.</p>	<p>29 Make an effort to become informed on the needs and work of missionaries connected with the Unity. Your prayers for them and their families make a difference.</p>