

Fayetteville Brethren Church News
October, 2007

Oct 7 - World Wide Communion – Holy Communion

Oct 7 & 21 – Faith Sharing – 7 PM

Oct 12 & 26 – Praise & Prayer – 7 PM

Oct 13, Sat – Dedication Service for Fellowship Hall – 10:30 A.M.

Oct 21 – Worship service at 8:00 a.m.

Oct 28 – Pastor Appreciation Day; fellowship lunch; Christian Sisters meeting

Dec 8 – Progressive Dinner – Heavy appetizers & Desserts

Please pray for: Gladys McCoy

Lunch in Oct, Nov & Dec: We will have a potluck fellowship lunch on October 28 for Pastor's Appreciation Day. There will be no fellowship lunches in November or December. Please make plans to attend the Community Thanksgiving Service in November (time & place to be announced) and our Progressive Dinner in December.

Flowers, Communion Set-up: Doris & Lee Roy Cervenka have taken the month of October. Thank you to Martha & Jerry Dove for taking September.

Congregational meeting – The congregational meeting was held Sept 16. The referendum motions from the Unity of the Brethren Convention that was held at the Wall Brethren Church on July 5-7, 2007 were voted on. There were 3 motions concerning financial matters, one Constitution Amendment and 5 by-law amendments. All motions carried except for one that concerned a financial matter. Jerry Marshall was elected unanimously to be our Synodical Committee Representative for the 2007-2009 term. The Synodical Committee will meet on Oct 6 in Caldwell.

The cost of cemetery plots was discussed. The Board has recommended to raise the cost of cemetery plots to keep up with the surrounding area prices. They have suggested raising the amounts for members from \$100 to \$250 and for non-members from \$250 to \$500 or \$1000.00. This would be an amendment change to our cemetery by-laws and any decision made today would be voted on at the congregational meeting in January next year. There was discussion. Members voted to charge \$250 for cemetery plots for members and \$1000.00 for non-members. Liz Ripple would re-type the church cemetery by-laws to reflect these changes and all members will receive a copy of them before the congregational meeting in Jan 2008.

Founder's Day – On Sept 23, a service was held to honor those who were here before us. Candles were lit for members from 1987 who are now deceased. Remembered were: Gilbert & Lillian Bartosh, Jerome & Stazie Bartosh, Evelyn Coleman, Joe & Frances Elsik, Sabina Elsik, John & Sophie Franta, Frank & Bessie Hruska, Gilbert Henneke, Lena Henneke, Ed & Sophie Hromadka, Dan & Ellen Juren, Tom & Ellen Kubena, Millie Ladewig, Raymond & Vlasta Roesler, Sophie Schobel, Alouis & Edna Skalitzky, Leo Urban & Otto Urban. Also deceased members who joined after 1987: Bernice Miller, John Divin, Sr., Lou Ripple, Raymond Roesler & Leroy Hruska. Joe Ripple, President of

the Board of Elders, presented plaques to Leland Miller & Laddie Ripple for being some of the most elderly active members of the church; Edith Rek for being one of the most elderly members of the church and the longest attending active member; and to Mary Dorsett for being the most elderly active member of the church. Those not in attendance but awarded plaques were Alma Urban for being the most elderly member of the church at 94 years old and Joe Hayek for being one of the most elderly members. Alma Urban has a special distinction of being baptized by Rev Jindrich Juren on June 15, 1913. Rev Juren was the pastor of the church from 1876 to 1921.

Sat, Oct 13 - Dedication Service for Fellowship Hall - A dedication service with special praise music will begin at 10:30 AM on Saturday, Oct 13. Speakers include Rev Maly & Claren Kotrla, newly elected president of the Unity of the Brethren. Performing Blue-Grass Gospel music will be Mr. & Mrs. John Cole from Fayetteville. A BBQ lunch (free will donation) will be served at noon. Everyone is invited to attend.

Memorials received – Memorials were made to the building fund last month in memory of Anna, Arque and Ello Elsik & Millie Ladewig. 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 – \$25 donation - 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: \$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.

Report from the Cemetery Manager: We have received estimates on several tombstones that are in need of some repair, most need re-gluing at the base. This work will be done by Chad Henneke from Columbus. He has done work at the St John Lutheran Cemetery at Ross Prairie and also at St Mary's Catholic Church cemetery. If you have a family tombstone or grave marker that you think needs some work, please, before you try to do it yourself, contact Liz Ripple. We have a well-kept, beautiful Historic Cemetery that we would like to see preserved as well as possible. In order for this to happen, we would like to see professional people who know the business doing the repairs if at all possible. There are many things that can go wrong when working with the different types of tombstones that we have in our cemetery. If a repair is not done properly, there will be more problems in the future. Mr. Henneke would be glad to give you an estimate on repairs or on cleaning a monument.

Also, before anyone begins: digging a grave, setting up a monument, or laying a curbing or enclosure, HE MUST FIRST NOTIFY Liz Ripple (979)378-2239 and follow her instructions.

The Christian Sisters' Society: The Christian Sister's met Sunday, Sept 23 after the fellowship lunch with 11 members present. The progressive dinner will be held on

Saturday, Dec 8 with heavy appetizers at one home and desserts at another. If anyone would like to open their home for either of these times, please contact Ginger Marshall. Anyone who wants to donate towards the raffle to be held March 29 should contact Liz Ripple. The deadline for items is Nov 12. Crystal Thomas gave a report on the women's retreat to be held on Feb 8 & 9 at Camp Tejas. Rev Linda Chandler will be the guest speaker. Kathy Miller is in charge of the Operation Christmas Child and she will have a poster made soon with suggestions for the shoeboxes. Friday, Oct 12 has been set to decorate the fellowship hall for the dedication service on Oct 13. On Sat., Oct 20, the sister's will meet for a lap quilt project. Everyone is welcome to come out and help sew lap quilts for an area nursing home – there will be projects for all sewing levels. Crystal gave a devotional from Proverbs 18:22. The next meeting will be Oct 28 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.

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<p><i>View or download this calendar on the Unity website: unityofthebrethren.org Click on "calendar" and then "DPC".</i></p> <p><i>Subscribe at: dailypraycal@hotmail.com</i></p>	<p>1 Lord, I pray for Your church. Anoint teachers to show us how to live by Your Word. Anoint parents to teach children obedience and Your commandments. Help others see in us the true way of a joyous life.</p>	<p>2 Praise God that the "Jesus Film" produced by Campus Crusade for Christ has been translated into 1,000 languages and seen by some 6 billion people. Pray God's speed for proposed 500 additional translations.</p>	<p>3 Father, we thank You that we do not have to fear these times. It troubles us that many who profess to be Christians serve other gods. We trust You that You have everything perfectly under control.</p>	<p>4 Father, we live in times that Your Word and truth are twisted by our culture. Help us watch for seduction. Forces attempt to overpower us and cause us to compromise our faith. Help us to stand firm.</p>	<p>5 Father, thank You for the incredible gift of hope which allows us to see past our current circumstances. You promise to care for us in this life and in Heaven. Pray for the many who don't have this hope.</p>	<p>6 Synodical Comm. Meets. Pray for new Pres. Claren Kotrla & all new Unity leaders. Pray their focus is entirely on what God wants for our churches...that the Unity agenda is all about Him. Seek new outward focus.</p>
<p>7 Holy God, may our entire worship be a holy prayer from beginning to end. May our entire congregation unite into one harmonious body of praise worshipping You in one voice through our savior, Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>8 Do you believe that God is seeking out a generation of children and youth to accelerate the work of His Kingdom? Pray about whether you are one who He has called to prepare this new generation.</p>	<p>9 Lord, there is much darkness...spiritual darkness. I know you want to see it illumined. Let me be Your hands. Empower me to shine light where there is none. Compassion to comfort those who need it so much</p>	<p>10 Dear Father, help us identify and remove all stagnation in our lives. Awaken us to the Holy Spirit that lives within each of us. Renew us and Your church with love & passion for Your Son and Your Kingdom work</p>	<p>11 Father God, we pray for the day when we shall see miracles, signs and wonders as it was in our New Testament heritage. We pray for spiritual awakening of Your people to receive spiritual eyes to see and hear.</p>	<p>12 An identifying feature of a transformed Christian is growth. Are you growing? Too slowly? Pray that God will help you identify and remove whatever is holding you captive at the present level & what must change</p>	<p>13 Primetimers Retreat this weekend. Pray that God moves mightily among our 50+ age group of people. Refresh their awareness of their individual Spiritual Gifts. Renew spiritual fervor and passion for Jesus.</p>
<p>14 Father God, we are here to remember that You revealed Yourself to us. The whole world, the entire cosmos waits to be gathered in Your Son & brought to fulfillment of Your purpose in Him.</p>	<p>15 Lord, You told us that You are the Bread of Life. Lord, anoint and empower Your church that we might share this precious bread with the hungry masses of people in our communities.</p>	<p>16 Dear Father, the choices I make today can make a world of difference in my life and the lives of others. Be ever present with me that I choose well. May my choices bring You glory.</p>	<p>17 Father, do not allow our youth to be swallowed up by the deception of our culture. Fill their hearts with passion and hunger for You. Set them apart to change the destiny of our nation.</p>	<p>18 See Isaiah 11:2. Lord, we pray that Your spirit will rest upon us. The Spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel, power, knowledge and the fear of the Lord. May the Holy Spirit overpower us.</p>	<p>19 Pray for our missionary families: Griggs family (Honduras) Woo family (Asia), Thiessen family (Mexico), Bragg family (Jordan) & Jill Miller (working with Muslim women)</p>	<p>20 Today, let all of us pray for that one among us who is too busy with other things to be intimate with the Lord. Those who perish are on the "way" that is not being intimate with Him.</p>
<p>21 "Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care." Psalm 95:6-7 N.I.V.</p>	<p>22 Pray for a fresh manifestation of healing in the church. God never changes. He healed in the New Testament church and can do so today. Pray that we reclaim this gift, this anointing to His glory</p>	<p>23 Father, we pray that You will heal those among us with physical infirmities. For those who are not healed due to reasons beyond our understanding, we pray sufficiency of Your grace.</p>	<p>24 Anyone who has a ministry that is going nowhere, ask the Lord to show you if the vision for it has become an idol...bigger than God. Pray about waiting on Him; giving Him priority.</p>	<p>25 Evangelism. Let us remember that they will know us by how we love one another. Lord, help us be unoffendable and truly loving in all that we say and do. Teach us what love looks like.</p>	<p>26 Let your prayers water the seed that was planted in the Czech Republic recently by Rev. Ron Winsman & other Ocker Brethren folks. Join them in prayer for the little church in Decin.</p>	<p>27 Father, may we have one heart, one Spirit and one voice to praise You. Our one goal and vision is to see Christ exalted. We give our lives to see You glorified. Come Jesus, dwell within each of us.</p>
<p>28 Father, we worship You and praise You for our presence among us. Thank You for all that you have done for us. Our worship is all about You. We exalt Jesus Christ as we bring to mind Your mercy, glory</p>	<p>29 The church is the bride of Christ. Pray that she comes to fully understand her high calling; that she falls so in love with Christ that she cannot stand to be apart from Him. Consumed with love for Him.</p>	<p>30 Pray for anyone you know who due to some circumstances is living in a valley, lonely and seemingly distant from the Lord. Pray about what you can do to help them again discover the vibrance of God's love.</p>	<p>31 Pray that the generation of young will arise and reverse the ungodly moral tides of our nation. Pray God empowers them to change the culture and not it change them. Pray for anointed leaders to lead.</p>	<p>PRAYER FOCUS <i>Unity of Brethren members, pray about the legacy you will leave as a result of what you do as an individual and church member.</i></p>	<p><i>Pray about developing your relationship with God and how to demonstrate that love of God in all your relationships.</i></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>