

Fayetteville Brethren Church News

November, 2007

God is our refuge and strength!

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

Nov. 4 & 18 (Sun)	Faith Sharing – 7 PM
Nov. 9 (Fri)	Praise & Prayer – 7 PM (<i>only once this month</i>)
Nov. 11 (Sun.)	Veteran's Tribute
Nov. 18 (Sun.)	Thanksgiving Service; Holy Communion; Christian Sisters meeting
	Community Thanksgiving Service – details to be announced
Dec. 2 (Sun.)	Chili lunch, Greening of the church
Dec. 8 (Sat.)	Progressive Dinner – Heavy appetizers and desserts
Dec. 23 (Sun.)	Christmas Service; Holy Communion
Dec. 24 (Mon.)	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
	6:00 PM

Pastor's Corner:

"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord' and not do the things which I say?"(Luke 6:46")

With Veteran's Day coming on the eleventh of this month, I will use a term used in basic training that I'm sure everyone who's been in the military remembers very well:

"DID....YOU....HEAR....ME??!!!" This is usually a very loud and clear reminder from some training leader to the trainee telling him that he has apparently not responded appropriately to some order.

Jesus was addressing his followers when he asked the question I have quoted above from Luke 6:46. He had just shared the Beatitudes, and told them two parables and, with the quoted sentence, was beginning a third one. That teaching story was the one that, I'm sure, every Christian remembers.

The parable of the two foundations was clear and to the point. One man built his house using rock as its foundation...it was a house that withstood all storms and bad weather. The second man built his on the sand. In introducing the second builder, Jesus said "But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the sand." That house, of course, failed to survive the storms of life.

Jesus' teachings are beautiful to read, but clear and to the point. It's obvious that he didn't expect his hearers (or readers) to sit back, say "Amen, Jesus, let's hear it!", and then not put into action his rules and directions.

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Matthew chapters 5,6,& 7 include our Lord's most famous preaching: his Sermon on the Mount." I have a firm belief that if all Christians followed the instructions in that sermon, we would be a powerful witness wherever we walked, and to whomever we talked. People we meet, and with whom we interact would, I believe, be interested in knowing more about our Lord and Savior.

The teachings of our Lord have much to say regarding our cold, crude, and heartless world. Confrontation, anger, bad language, vengeance, MY rights.... that and much more that is negative and hurtful to people and youth, seems to be the way of life.

All Christians need to be willing to demonstrate Jesus' Way in their daily walk...so much so that those who see us, see Him. And, then, we should always be ready to lead others to him: answer questions, encourage, and invite to worship....and, to a commitment to Jesus the Christ.

Rev. Maly

A Message from the Unity Mission Board....

Felix Relief Fund

Brothers and Sisters of the Unity of the Brethren, as you continue to see more and more information on Hurricane Felix there may be many of you who are unable to help physically, but choose to help financially; there is immediate needs for tarps, first aid supplies, non-perishable foods and the basic need for clean water. The mission Board is coordinating efforts with the Moravian Mission Board, Ray Griggs, Samaritan's Purse, and other relief efforts in Nicaragua at this time. If you would like to donate to this effort, please drop donations earmarked Missions, Felix Relief fund into your offering plate or mail directly to the new Unity

Financial Secretary;

Dewyan Weise, 6006 FM Hwy. 765, San Angelo, TX 76904. Thank you.....

From your Mission Board President, David Miller

.... added: There are work crews being organized right now to offer help in the re-building that needs to be done in Nicaragua. There will also be a crew going to the Clinica Morava in Ahuas, Honduras in February. This latter job will involve repairing the structures, wiring, plumbing, etc. that over half a century of service by this clinic have caused to deteriorate. If anyone would be able and willing to help in those efforts, please contact David Miller.....Rev. Maly

Prayer Concerns:

Ray and Sandra Stepan and family on the loss of Ray's Mom, Joyce Stepan

Mary Dorsett

Gladys McCoy

Barbara Roesler

Leara Henneke

Pauline Ott

For our travelers

Bill Edwards

Mamie Fritsch

Pastor Kay Polasek

Lois Gettler – (Noel Thomas' mother)

Brenda Hammond (daughter of Pauline and David Ott)

Estelle Vasut (mother of Ed Vasut)

Charles and Millie Schiller, Anita Coufal, Delores Coufal and Edgar Dudensing of
Industry Brethren Church

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Prayer Concerns continued.....

Ed and Edna Krivacka and the family of Mark Krivacka
The Thiessens (our missionary family in Mexico)
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
Rev. Mack Mclver
Matthew Boeer 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

November Birthdays

2 – Blake Ward 12 – Jean Maly 12 – Patrick Thomas 19 – Blaise McKinzie

Flowers, Communion Set-up:

For November -- Liz and Joe Ripple -- thank you!
Holy Communion will be observed on Sunday, November 18th.

Church News:

- 1) **Lunch in Oct, Nov & Dec:** 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 on December 8th.
- 2) **Honoring Our Veterans on Sunday, November 11th:** please take the time this month to thank all of the veterans you know for their service to our country and for your freedom. On Sunday, November 11, we will pay tribute to these special people during our worship service. Please keep them and our active duty military personnel in your prayers.
- 3) **Community Thanksgiving Service:** The time, place and date for this service will be announced.
- 4) **November is Missionary Emphasis Month:** Christ commissioned His followers to go out and tell all nations the good News of the Gospel. You have a part in this work! Each member in the Brethren Church is asked to contribute \$19 (or more) to support the denomination's missionary efforts. Please mark "for missions" on your check and place it in the offering plate in November.

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- 5) **Operation Christmas Child:** The deadline to bring box donations is Sunday, November 11th. Thanks to all of you who have donated shoe boxes and items to put in the boxes. Please pray for the children somewhere around the world who will receive these boxes, that they may hear the Gospel message and understand that God loves them.
- 6) **Church Directories Are In!** Please pick up your new church directory from Liz Ripple. Each family will receive one directory free; extra ones are available for \$5.00.
- 7) **Sunday School for young people:** Martha Dove is leading this class each Sunday morning. Please bring your children, grandchildren and neighbors to this class to learn about the Lord!
- 8) **Faith Sharing: Sunday, November 4th and 18th at 7:00 PM at church.** Please come and be encouraged as members give testimony to Jesus' presence in their lives. Please contact Jerry Marshall if you have questions.
- 9) **Men's Prayer Breakfast:** Meets each Monday at 6:45 AM at the church. Please contact Jerry Marshall or Ed Vasut if you have questions.
- 10) **Prayer and Praise Service: Friday, November 9th 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. Please contact Martha or Jerry Dove if you have questions.
- 11) **Ordering Poinsettias:** Please see Liz Ripple if you would like to buy a poinsettia to decorate the church for the month of December. She will order them from the local 4-H Club and the price is \$8.00 each. They may be taken home after the Christmas Eve service.
- 12) **Progressive Christmas Dinner:** The date for our 4th annual Progressive Christmas Dinner is Saturday, December 8. Heavy appetizers and Hors D'oeuvre will be at Pauline & David Ott's home from 5:00 to 6:30 PM and desserts will be at Barbara Arambula's house from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Mark your calendar as you will not want to miss the fun and food! Please see the sign up poster for times and to indicate your attendance.
- 13) **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

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- 14) Board of Elders' Report:** The board has approved Don Chapman – “Carved Signs” – to design and erect a new 2-sided church sign. A sample is on display at the church. The new sign should be up in 2-3 months. Also approved was a budget for landscaping around the new fellowship hall. Jane’s Joy of Fayetteville will be installing new plantings under the direction of Ed & Nancy Vasut. Donations are always accepted to help fund these and future building projects. If you would like to make a donation, please make your check payable to “Fayetteville Brethren Building Fund.”
- 15) The Christian Sisters' Society:** The Christian Sister’s are collecting items for their raffle in March - the deadline for items is Nov 12, contact Liz Ripple if you would like to donate an item to the raffle. The Third Annual Church Ladies’ Retreat is February 8 & 9 at Camp Tejas (near Giddings). If you plan on attending, please see Crystal Thomas for a registration form. The cost this year is \$82.00 for one night, two meals & motel room accommodations. Rev Linda Chandler will be the guest speaker. The next meeting will be Nov 18. There will be no meeting in December. 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.
- 16) Memorials received** – Memorials were made to the building fund last month in memory of Anna, Arque and Ello Elsik, Rosemary Oates, Joe & Frances Elsik, Dan & Ellen Juren, Eddie Vasut, Henry & Sabina Elsik and to the Cemetery Fund in memory of Eddie Vasut. 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.
- 17) 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.
- 18) December Newsletter deadline:** Articles are due **no later than November 25th**, please.

Closing Thoughts: Give thanks to the Lord for:

A clean bed	The sunrise	A friendly smile	The love of a child
A friendly hello	His love	Every meal	Ice cream
A safe home	A vocation	Good health	America
Kolaches	The seasons	The stars above	The Armed Forces
Pets	The stars	Clear water	The telephone
Friends	Children	Grandchildren	Spouses
Ice cream	Fresh apples	A birthday	New beginnings
Country roads	Birds	Butterflies	Wildflowers
A blue sky	Sunlight	A vacation trip	Chocolate
Coffee	Music	Salvation	His Son
Cheese	Freedom	Sacrifice	The Holy Spirit's guidance

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>View or download this calendar on the Unity website: unityofthebrethren.org Click on "calendar" and then "DPC". Subscribe for free at: dailypraycal@hotmail.com</p>	<p>PRAYER FOCUS So many people in our church are Bible illiterates. They do not know or read the Bible and consequently, can't →</p>	<p>hear God speaking to them through the Bible. Pray that pastors will diligently urge Brethren to read →</p>	<p>the Bible, God's Word. Pray that individual Brethren will rearrange their priorities and include time to read and study God's Word.</p>	<p>1 Is it you? Or someone you know? Standing outside looking for a way to get inside. Jesus calls, start afresh! Come home to my throne of grace. Thank you Jesus for mercy when we do not deserve it. Glory! Jesus!!</p>	<p>2 Lord, we are not satisfied with things as they were in the past. We pray for a fresh move of Your Spirit within the Body of Christ. Restore unto us the power experienced by the New Testament church.</p>	<p>3 Father, I am trying so very hard to move from self-reliance to totally trusting in You for everything. I know that I can't experience my true destiny until I can rely on You in all things. Need intimacy/relationship.</p>
<p>4 We know that Daylight Savings Time ends today and we can prepare for it. We also know that Jesus will return one day and we can prepare for that also. Lord Jesus, remember us when You return. We worship You!</p>	<p>5 Circumstances make someone feel they are in a wilderness & there are no visible paths out. Lord, nothing is impossible for You. Grant faith that will pave a clear way out to new opportunity. Clear doubt from our hearts.</p>	<p>6 If some of your situations and circumstances seem impossible, remember that nothing can separate you from the goodness of the Lord. He is the light that never ends; He banishes all darkness.</p>	<p>7 Lord Jesus, if we take our eyes off You, we are lost. Hold us unto You in our journey in this life and surely it will be a prosperous journey. Prosperous in living a life that brings glory to Your Holy name.</p>	<p>8 We pray that with the power of Jesus Christ, we will be like a cork in water. Although we may be taken down and confronted by trials and testing, like a cork we will pop up to the surface as overcomers.</p>	<p>9 Lord, continue to transform me amidst all the competing forces that seek to draw me away from You. Lord, where do I fit in, what am I to do, and how do I get there. Assure me of the good You want for me.</p>	<p>10 Lord, we sense that there is a battle raging for youth and children in our communities. Empower us to meet the challenge of reaching our young generation. We pray for the manifestation of Your Spirit upon our youth.</p>
<p>11 Father, as we come to You in confession of our sins, cleanse us and accept our praise and worship in spirit and in truth. Manifest Your Spirit among us and exuberance and joy unequalled.</p>	<p>12 Pray: Holy Father, although I do not want to sin, I find myself failing You. Yet You use me, a broken vessel, to do Your Kingdom work. I am amazed. Forgive me, empower me. Glory!</p>	<p>13 Father, help me to keep my eyes on Jesus who is the source of my power. In times of plenty, keep me from pride. In times of trial and need, give me hope and encouragement.</p>	<p>14 Lord, help me to make it my constant mission to build up and encourage those who are around me. To remind myself and them of Your goodness and greatness.</p>	<p>15 There is much warfare in the church in the sphere of relationships. Satan seeks to divide people in the church. Pray for love, forgiveness of offenses, unity and commitment.</p>	<p>16 Father, Your Word given to us in the Bible is like a two edged sword. I make a commitment to read Your Word. Now use it to edify, purify and empower me to know and do Your heart's desire.</p>	<p>17 Father God, in a flash, help me to see my life priorities as I am living today; then, help me to see my priorities as You would have them to be. Empower me Lord, to change what I must.</p>
<p>18 Father, hear our praise and worship today. May the light of Your glory fill our churches and drive away all darkness. May Your light overflow into our communities. A bountiful harvest.</p>	<p>19 Father help us to identify when our old thoughts and attitudes become a security blanket. Help us to identify and let go of those things that are keeping us from better things You desire for us. Transition.</p>	<p>20 Lord, strip me of anything that is not of Jesus. By Your hand, hold me up as I leave what may be familiar and secure and empower me to enter places I have never been before. Trust. Peace. Power. Transform.</p>	<p>21 Lord, although I don't always experience the intimacy of Your presence, I clearly recall those times I did. Keep me in the safety of your presence encouraging me to be alert to the devil who seeks to devour.</p>	<p>22 Father God, we are overwhelmed. You so abundantly provide us with our daily bread. Thru Christ our Lord, You fill us with hope for life eternal. By Your Holy Spirit, You give us power to transform.</p>	<p>23 Father, I know there are people struggling with spiritual needs and spiritual warfare in my congregation. Give us discernment to see those people and then raise up prayer warriors who will reach out to lead them.</p>	<p>24 Open the door to your life to let Jesus live within you and pray that the Holy Spirit will work in your life in such a way that when you die, people will want to imitate you & will say, "Here was a true follower of Christ."</p>
<p>25 "Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre. Sing to him a new song; play skilfully, and shout for joy." Psalm 33: 2-3, (NIV). Lord, our best to you.</p>	<p>26 How many among us are living in spiritual caves because they have sinned and feel unclean. Come forth! The blood of Jesus will cleanse all. Fallen one, come clean; your destiny awaits you.</p>	<p>27 Pray for the end to bitterness among people in the church. It shuts down the power of prayer and disables the flow of healing and outreach. Lord, make us sensitive, persistent in love.</p>	<p>28 If you are a follower of Christ, an outcalled one, this moment, tell Christ to come into your life. Offer yourself as a vessel to use you to pour out His desires on those people around you.</p>	<p>29 Father, so many of our brethren are wandering in the wilderness. Empower people in the church to be a lighthouse, a beacon directing them to know You more fully.</p>	<p>30 Father, we pray for all of our missionaries. Guide and protect them and raise up people in our congregations who will be senders, encouragers, supporters and prayer intercessors for them.</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>