

## **Fayetteville Brethren Church News**

**March, 2008**

*God is our refuge and strength!*

Pastor: Rev. Milton Maly    Sunday Worship Service    10:30 AM    1022 Kramr Rd. at Ross Prairie Church Rd.  
Phone: 979-872-8762    Sunday School:    9:30 AM    Mailing address: P.O. Box 11  
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### **Upcoming Events:**

<b>Mar 2 &amp; 16 (Sun)</b>	<b>Faith Sharing – 6 PM</b>
<b>Mar 5 &amp; 12 (Wed)</b>	<b>Lenten services -Industry Brethren Church – 7 PM</b>
<b>Mar 9 (Sun)</b>	<b>Daylight Savings time begins</b>
<b>Mar 9 (Sun)</b>	<b>Praise &amp; Prayer – 6 PM</b>
<b>Mar 15 (Sat)</b>	<b>Men’s retreat at Ed Vasut’s home (alternate location – Joe Ripple)</b>
<b>Mar 16 (Sun)</b>	<b>Christian Sisters’ meeting after worship service</b>
<b>Mar 23 (Sun)</b>	<b>Easter Sunrise Service – 7 AM; with Breakfast and Egg Hunt</b>
<b>Mar 26 (Wed)</b>	<b>Church Elders meeting – 7 PM</b>
<b>Mar 28 &amp; 29</b>	<b>Christian Sisters’ Raffle, Bake Sale, and garage sale Friday &amp; Saturday</b>
<b>Apr 26 (Sat)</b>	<b>Christian Sisters’ Union Convention – Bryan/College Station Brethren Church</b>
<b>June 22 (Sun)</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> Annual Church Celebration</b>

### **Pastor’s Corner:**

*“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.” (John 1:14)*

How many Easters have you celebrated? How long have you professed being a Christian? How many times have you worshipped and participated in the fellowship of the church?

For the new Christian, that first time when he or she professed Christ as Lord of their life was, very likely, the most memorable: the pure joy of being accepted and loved “Just As I Am.” The happiness that follows when the discovery that Christ’s Way, is the blessed, happy way!

But for those of us who have been long-time members, with many memories of our past membership, worship experiences, and congregational events, much of our excitement in claiming membership in Christ’s Church declines. And, just like when we have driven a car for many years and don’t need to tell our foot when to step on the brake, or our hand to move the steering wheel, our involvement in worship becomes “automatic.” That is, we go through the motions, but sometimes without a conscious awareness of what we’re doing.

It takes special effort to recover the vitality in worshipping with people, going through the same motions, and in general, feeling the excitement of that wonderful interchange we have with God.

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When the Israelites were wandering in the desert on their way to the Promised Land, they got both hungry and thirsty. For food, God sent “manna”, a sweet substance that they collected from the floor of that wasteland. “But”, they were told in so many words, “don’t try to scoop up a lot of it at one time, thinking it will last you for several days.” They were told to collect it “fresh every morning.”

I encourage each of us to take more time to think about our faith in God through His Son Jesus...every day: What does it mean regarding the decisions and jobs we have to do this day? What does it mean in the relationships we will have with other people: family, fellow-workers, friends, and neighbors? What does it mean in regard to our personal feelings and thoughts?

Like the manna, let’s nourish our faith daily so that it would be “Fresh every morning”.

*Rev. Maly*

**Prayer Concerns:**

Mary Dorsett  
Barbara Roesler  
Pauline Ott  
Bill Edwards  
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 Elenora Coufal of the Industry Brethren Church  
The family of Edgar Dudensing  
The Thiessens (our missionary family in Mexico)  
Jill Miller  
Tim and Jennifer Hall  
Angie Shipman  
For our military personnel serving in Iraq and other places  
Marjorie Kunetka, Jerry Kunetka and Larry Eon of Industry Brethren Church  
Ginger Marshall's brother Sonny  
Tamara and Cynthia – Crystal Thomas' sisters  
Elroy Geisler (brother to Doris Cervenka)  
Betty Favor (sister to Lee Roy Cervenka)  
Joe Hayek and Evelyn Koehl  
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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### **March Birthdays**

1 - Doris Ripple      5 - Joshua McCoy      10 - Julia Thomas  
13 - David Ott      25 - Leara Henneke      26 - Michelle Smith

### **Flowers, Communion Set-up:**

For March –

Holy Communion will be observed on Easter Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Church News:**

- 1) **Lunch in March & April:** Breakfast will be served after the Easter Sunrise Service on March 23 – please see the sign up sheet in the foyer. No potluck lunch will be held in April.
- 2) **Sunday Morning Adult Sunday School on Romans:** is being led by Scott Marshall. Please come and grow in faith as we study God's word.
- 3) **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!
- 4) **Faith Sharing: Sunday, February 3 and 17th at 6:00 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.
- 5) **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.
- 6) **Prayer and Praise Service: Sunday, March 9th at 6:00 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.
- 7) **Thanks to** Joe Ripple and Ed Vasut for putting up the lighted cross. The lighted cross will help remind those who pass by of the Lenten season and how blessed we are, for He died that we might be forgiven.
- 8) **Our congregation's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration** is three months away, but NOW is the time to plan or make homemade items for the country store and the auction.

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- 9) **Christian Sisters' Society Fundraiser** – March 28 & 29: On Friday March 28, the Christian Sisters' will have a rummage sale from 8 AM till 2 PM. Items may be brought to the church now. Please – if you bring clothes, make sure they are clean. Also, if you can, please have your items tagged ready for sale. On Saturday, March 29, the rummage sale will continue starting at 8 AM. A bake sale with hot dogs and sandwiches will start at 9 AM. Raffle tickets are being sold (contact any member) and the drawing will be held on Saturday at 12:30. Over 25 prizes will be awarded and the top prize is a hand-quilted quilt. The quilt was pieced and donated by Margaret Michalsky and quilted by the Christian Sisters'.
- 10) **Christian Sisters' Retreat:** The retreat was held Feb 8 and 9 at Camp Tejas with 12 women attending. Rev Linda Von Chandler was the guest speaker and gave a very uplifting message entitled "Putting Life's Issues at Jesus' Feet." Liz Ripple accompanied the ladies on the piano with the singing of several hymns. Goodie bags were handed out. Martha Dove presented hand-outs from Pauline Ott on stress and relaxation tips.
- 11) **The Christian Sisters' Society:** The Christian Sisters' met Sunday, Feb 17 after the worship service with 7 members present. Items discussed were selling raffle tickets in front of Fayetteville Bank March 1 and the fundraiser on March 28 & 29. Volunteers are needed to help and any donations of baked items will be appreciated. If you would like to buy some raffle tickets, please contact any of the members. The drawing will be held March 29, 2007. A devotion prepared by Nancy Vasut was read by Martha Dove on "The Centrality of the Cross" concerning the nature and purpose of Lent. The reading was from Luke 18:31-34. The next meeting will be March 16 after the worship service.
- The Christian Sister's Union Convention will be held on April 26 at the Bryan-College Station Brethren Church. If you would like to join the Christian Sisters' Society, please contact Blaise McKinzie or Liz Ripple. Dues are (\$20). All ladies age 16 and over may become a member. You do not have to be a member of the church to join.
- 12) **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
- 13) **Memorials received** – Memorials were made to the Building Fund last month in memory of Anna, Arque and Ello Elsik and Garmon Berry and to the General Fund in memory of Bernice Elsik Miller. 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.

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- 14) **Military Personnel Supplies:** We have added two more names to our list of military personnel that we support. We appreciate any donation you can make to our men and women in the military. Items that we can use are: Visine eye drops, beef jerky, hand sanitizer, pens, paper, envelopes, candy (any type except chocolate), Q-Tips, instant drink mixes, Gatorade, CDs, foot powder, Odor eaters, Band-Aides, sinus medicine, tissues, lip balm, seeds, trail mix, gum, tweezers, nail clippers, baby wipes, hand wipes, gel shoe insoles, S/M/L men and women, Advil, Tylenol, tooth brushes, disposable cameras, and especially LETTERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

Martha and Jerry Dove and Pauline Ott are still collecting items to send to our servicemen and women overseas. Please put your donations in the box by the narthex.

- 15) **Labels for Education:** Please save the pink "labels from education" from Campbell's soup, Swanson's broth and other related products, while you are doing your holiday cooking and baking. These labels are currently being sent to Bethesda Lutheran Home. The residents there develop motor skills by trimming the labels, which are then exchanged for educational equipment
- 16) **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.
- 17) **April Newsletter deadline:** Articles are due **no later than March 25th**, please.