

Fayetteville Brethren Church News

April, 2008

God is our refuge and strength!

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

April 6 & 20 (Sun)	Faith Sharing – 7 PM
April 13 & 27 (Sun)	Praise & Prayer – 7 PM
April 23 (Wed)	Elder's meeting – 7 PM
April 26 (Sat)	Christian Sister's Union Convention – Bryan/College Station Brethren Church
May 4 (Sun)	Industry Brethren Church Chicken Fry at Industry Firemen's Hall
May 11 (Sun)	Mother's Day; Holy Communion
May 18 (Sun)	Recognition of Graduation Seniors – lunch served
June 22 (Sun)	10th Annual Church Celebration

Pastor's Corner:

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.” (Hebrews 12:1)

“Whew, I’m glad that’s over with!” I’m sure that many people have said something like that after having friends and/or family over for some kind of celebration or activity...especially if our guests stayed for several days.

Those who are involved in the many church activities that take place during special seasons of the year, like Easter and Christmas, may express the same thoughts at the end of those celebrations. But one thing we often forget to remember is that the celebration of Jesus’ resurrection, and His birth, should not be the end of anything, but the beginning of something greater.

For the early followers, the resurrection symbolized God’s triumph over the false wisdom of man (such as that claimed by the Pharisees) and the beginning of work for all who believe in Jesus’ resurrection and accept the call to follow Him. Likewise, this is not a time for us to relax and say, “Whew, now we can get back to the routines of regular worship services and other church activities!” It is a time to pick up the banner of Christ anew, to create ways for us to discover and implement new ways of maintaining a strong faith and to become more effective witnesses of His Great Love.

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A poem by a minister named Maltbie Davenport Babcock expresses the duty all of God's people have in living out the Good News.

Be Strong

Be strong!

We are not here to play, to dream, to drift;

We have hard work to do, and loads to life;

Shun not the struggle – face it: 'Tis God's gift.

Be strong!

Say not, "The days are evil. Who's to blame?"

And fold the hands and acquiesce—o shame!

Stand up, speak out, and bravely, in God's name.

Be strong!

It matters not how deep entrenched the wrong,

How hard the battle goes, the day how long;

Faint not – fight on! Tomorrow comes the song

Rev. Maly

Prayer Concerns:

Mary Dorsett

Gladys McCoy

Barbara Roesler

Leara Henneke

Pauline Ott

For our travelers

Bill Edwards

Mamie Fritsch

Katherine Brown (daughter of Martha and Jerry Dove)

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 Barbie Fojtasek who lost her life while on vacation in Honduras. She and her husband Glenn had been actively involved in the Hus Encampment Program for years as participants and counselors in the youth camps.

Dale Taska (fiancé of Crystal Coufal of the Industry congregation)

Pray for the upcoming meetings of the Synodical committee (April 12th) and the Unity Mission Board (April 19th)

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

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Prayer Concerns continued:

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)
For individuals who are overcoming alcoholism and maintaining sobriety

April Birthdays

14 - Pat Johnson 16 - Lillie Mae Brightwell 17 - Noel Thomas
27 - Alma Urban 30 - Rick Longobardi

Flowers. Communion Set-up:

For April – Ginger and Jerry Marshall - thank you.

Church News:

- 1) **Lunch in April and May:** There will be not potluck in April. In May, we will have a lunch on May 18th when we recognize our church's graduating high school seniors.
- 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, April 6th and 20th 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.
- 5) **Prayer and Praise Service: Sunday, April 13th and 27th 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.

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- 6) **Friends of the Hus Encampment** – The membership drive month is here! All members and friends (age 9 and older) are encouraged to become supporters of this organization. Yearly dues are \$5.00. Additional donations are appreciated. A one time payment of \$100.00 constitutes a Lifetime Membership. All the dues and donations collected go for the maintenance of the camp facilities, sports/outdoor equipment, instructional aids, office equipment and scholarships for those needing assistance to attend summer camp. The Hus School Encampment summer programs are just a part of teaching spiritual growth to our youth of the future. Please see your local secretary, Liz Ripple, to pay your dues or to make a donation.

- 7) **Our congregation's 10th Annual Celebration** is two months away, but NOW is the time to plan or make homemade items for the country store and the auction.

- 8) **The Christian Sisters' Society**: The Christian Sisters' met Sunday, March 16 after the worship service with 9 members present. The March 28-29 rummage sale, bake sale and raffle drawing was discussed and final plans made. The retreat for next year was set for Feb 6 & 7 at Camp Tejas. The Christian Sister's Union Convention will be held on April 26 in Bryan-College Station; all members are encouraged to attend – more information will be announced soon. The devotional was prepared by Nancy Vasut and presented by Martha Dove entitled "Preparing for Good Friday." The next meeting will be in May. 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

- 9) **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 perpetual care fund in memory of Anna, Arque & 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.

- 10) **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 show 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.

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- 11) **Labels for Education**: Please save the pink "labels from education" from Campbell's soup, Swanson's broth and other related products. 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 and supplies for the Home.
- 12) **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.
- 13) **May Newsletter deadline**: Articles are due **no later than April 25th**, please.

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
PRAYER FOCUS <i>Pray that you will be like a new wineskin, open and flexible to receive the new things God desires to pour into your life.</i>	<i>Pray that every Brethren church will be filled with a spirit of forgiveness and love; that each church grows as a nurturing community</i>	1 Lord, thank you for this new year. Forgive and forget our failures last year. Create in us new hope, new vision. Accelerate Your transformation of our lives to light the world.	2 Thank God today, that He continues to work in your life and blesses you although you do not deserve it. God, we praise You for bringing meaning and purpose to our lives. Praise & glory to You!	3 Father, thank You for a new year. A new opportunity to identify and root out all that defiles my holiness. I pray for spiritual cleansing and strength to pursue purity in my life.	4 Father God, You promised Abraham You would make him exceedingly fruitful. Father, I am Your child through Christ. I claim the blessing You gave to Your child, Abraham.	5 Our missionaries, go to the Brethren Journal and write their names on a piece of paper and put it in on your calendar, in your wallet/purse. Pray daily that God will empower/sustain them.
6 Today is Sunday! How awesome it is that we can gather and say: "God, You are my God!" Overwhelm us with Your love today! Awaken our slumbering hearts that we worship the entire week.	7 Father, You are my shield, defender and protector. I will not allow other priorities to rob me of my quiet time with You, to allow my shield to fall. Be there to protect me from enemies/always.	8 Perhaps you or someone you know is going through a terrible storm. Pray that nothing can overshadow our living God's promises of hope. Promises that are our life arteries to endure storms.	9 Lord, I pray that You will reveal to me those things that have intruded into my life that are not pleasing to You. I have let them stay too long/strongholds. In Your name, remove them.	10 Father, we intercede for those of Your children who have grown weary from the battles they have faced. Their energy is drained and they need Your power to proceed inch by inch. Grace/rest.	11 Lord, I know You expect Your transformed children to live a life of purity. We move among those who are impure. Cleanse me and empower me to please You in my actions/reflect Your light.	12 Lord, Your message in Mat. 25:34-36 is on my heart. Right where I am, show me the first step in being obedient to You. Hungry, thirsty, sick, in prison. Move me to compassion/action.
13 Lord, we pray that You begin today releasing to Your church a fresh fire of Your love and passion. Give us a heart understanding what it means for Jesus to live His life thru our lives.	14 Lord, how good it is when we, Your children, get along in a community of love and relationship. Empower us to offer kindness even when we are offended/irritated. Tender-hearted/forgiving.	15 Father, I pray that You will help me overcome all things that keep me from having a "thankful heart." Help me to rejoice in all things today. No grumbling. May I see Your blessing.	16 Father, I claim the promise in Philippians 4:6-7: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." →	17 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (N.I.V.) Pray & claim the reality of this promise for yourself & loved ones.	18 Lord, we pray for a new encounter. We pray about the unbelief even among people of the church. Lord, nothing is too hard for You to do. Manifest Yourself among us. Cleanse & empower.	19 Father, You promised Abraham that You would make nations of Him. We claim that promise for our community of believers. Give us strength & power to build community.
20 Father, You know that in America, there are two churches: One faithful to Your Word & one fallen away. Send Your Angels to protect our churches and Your Spirit to give our leaders & pastors discernment.	21 Pray that God will shake America. Pray that God will return to our political powers, our educational system, and the laws of this land. Pray that our next president will be filled with God's spirit.	22 Father, we pray for Your light to banish the darkness of immorality that is spreading across America. Raise up those whose light will expose the darkness. Lord, may the light of Your glory keep your people pure.	23 Pray that God continues to fuel the dissatisfaction of the youth of Islam. Pray for God's light to liberate India, Israel & Pakistan. Pray that the Spirit of God will move in the streets of these countries.	24 Lord Jesus, we fall to our knees and pray for a cleansing of America. We pray You will raise up prophets in science, business, households, the music industry & the media. We welcome Yeshua to America.	25 Jesus, I need You. Forgive all my sins as I surrender my life to You. Help me be a true disciple. Be the Lord of my life and fill me with Your Holy Spirit to guide me. In faith, I trust You, Jesus Christ my Lord.	26 Lord, You made it quite clear that we in Your church are to make disciples. Give us a heart to reach out to those among us who are weaker and less mature in their faith. Teach us to love, build, nurture.
27 Oh God, You are our God! We hunger and thirst for You to manifest Your presence in our lives. We gather today of one accord as Your family. Anoint us that when people meet us, they will encounter Your	28 Lord, give us the faith of Caleb, that we, Your people, can take and occupy this land, America. Help us to see that all that holds us back is our unbelief. Give us faith and vision to see Your power, promise and	29 Lord, You are always speaking to me thru common things all around me. I will try to hear you with my heart, not just my mind. Give me vision to live in Your power. Show me the next step You wish me to take/out	30 Father, sharpen our senses that we may hear what You are saying to us about the pagans around us and peoples and nations around the world. I have been sleep-walking, ignoring. Awaken me & show me one thing I can	31 John 15:15 "I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to You."	View or download this calendar on the Unity website: unityofthebrethren.org Click on "calendar" and then "DPC". Subscribe at: dailyprayercal@hotmail.com	

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