

Fayetteville Brethren Church Newsletter - May, 2008

May 4 – Industry Brethren Church Chicken Fry fundraiser at Industry Fireman’s Hall

May 4 & 18 – Faith Sharing – 7 PM

May 11 – Mother’s Day; Holy Communion

May 18 – Recognition of Graduating Seniors; potluck lunch

June 8 – Wesley Brethren Church Sausage & Sauerkraut at the church

June 22 (Sun) – 10th Annual Church Celebration

June 28 (Sat) - “Brethren History and Doctrine” - Houston Brethren Church

July 26 (Sat) – Sunday School Convention – Rosenberg Brethren Church

Lunch in May & June: A potluck lunch will be held on May 18 in honor of our church’s graduating High School seniors. In June, the Wesley Brethren Church will have their annual fundraiser on Sunday, the 8th with a Sausage & Sauerkraut lunch at the church and on the 22nd, please come to our church celebration at the Ellinger C of C Hall and enjoy turkey, ham, dressing and all the trimmings. Your support is appreciated.

Memorials received – Memorials were made to the building fund last month in memory of Anna, Arque and Ello Elsik, Henry and Sabina Elsik and Ivy Syptak Walden and to the Perpetual Care fund in memory of Ivy Syptak Walden. 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.

Sympathy extended to Walden family: Our deepest and sincerest sympathies go out to the family of Ivy Walden. Mrs. Walden died on April 1 and was buried in our church cemetery April 4. She was born to Henry and Amalia Syptak on November 8, 1926. May God’s Spirit bless and keep this family in this time of sorrow and loss.

Praise & Prayer has been canceled until further notice.

Friends of the Hus Encampment – Thank you to everyone who supported the membership drive that was held in April. Our congregation has 24 friends of the Hus Encampment, of which 6 are life members. With your support, the Hus Encampment will be able to provide many good things for many people.

Our 10th Annual Church Celebration on June 22nd: This is our church’s main fundraiser to benefit our building fund. We will need everyone’s help and support to make it a successful one. We will be serving turkey, ham and dressing with all the trimmings at \$7.00 a plate; tickets will be available later this month. Auction items will be accepted at the Chamber of Commerce Hall in Ellinger on Saturday, June 21 from 9 AM to noon and Sunday, June 22 from 8 AM to 1 PM. Please start thinking about auction items and home-made or home grown items for the Country Store. We will also need baked goods for the bake sale on Sunday. All these events will be held at the Chamber of Commerce Hall in Ellinger.

The Christian Sisters’ Society: The Christian Sisters did not have a meeting in April. The next meeting will be on May 18 after the fellowship lunch. Items for discussion include making plans for the silent auction and quilt show for the June Church Celebration. The

winner's of the raffle held on March 29 were: Frances Sula, Keith Brown, Burdine Divin, Doris Miller, Hruska's Grocery, Blaise McKinzie, Leland Miller, Stacey Svrcek, Joe Simpson, Fred Roberts, Gladys Schmitt, Joyce Gerik, Ann Heintschel, Nancy Dorsett, Helen Mikus, Jeanette Michalsky, David Ott, Joe Ripple, Linda King, Doris Young Nathan Byrum and winning the quilt – Hruska's Grocery.

Board of Elders Report: The Board of Elders met on April 23. It was decided to continue to raise money for the Phase II – Sanctuary restoration project before it can go out for bids. A goal of \$50,000.00 was set for the project. The Sunday School Convention will be held at the Rosenberg Brethren Church on Saturday, July 26; Scott Marshall will be our delegate with Kathy Miller as the alternate. Anyone else who wants to attend is welcome. More cookbooks were ordered and have been delivered. Increasing the amounts of insurance coverage on the church, annex and fellowship hall was also discussed.

The upcoming celebration on June 22 was discussed. Jerry & Ginger Marshall and Jerry Dove and Martha Dove attended the Synodical Committee meeting held at the New Tabor church on April 12. An item of concern was about the Unity churches becoming incorporated. An Elders meeting with the 4 Brethren churches (Fay., Industry, Nelsonville & Wesley) will be held on May 21 (location to be determined).

Donations are being accepted for the building fund. At this time, we have \$7,886.84 in the building fund account. We all hope for another successful church celebration, which benefits the building fund. If you would like to make a donation for the Phase II project, please make your check payable to "Fayetteville Brethren Building Fund." If you have any comments or concerns please let the Elders know. The next Elders meeting will be on June 11.

H.I.L.L (Hus Institute for Lay Leadership) is sponsoring a presentation on the "Brethren History and Doctrine" on June 28, 9 AM - 3 PM at the Houston Brethren Church. Dr. Mark Labaj of Temple will lead this seminar. Registration fee is \$20.00 (includes materials and lunch). For more information contact Bro. Jim Heckman at 979-739-1393 or Mrs. Dorothy Hinson 281-620-0480. You can also read more about this in the May issue of the Brethren Journal on page 2 or visit the Unity of the Brethren website: unityofthebrethren.org

Hus Camp – Registration forms for the Unity of the Brethren 2008 Summer Camping Program are in the foyer. You may also fill out a form online at www.unityofthebrethren.org/calendar.htm. The deadline for camp registration is May 15. There are several camps for our youth: June 7-9 Alpha Camp (ages 9-10); June 15-20 Pioneer Camp (ages 11-12); June 22-27 Discovery Camp (ages 13-14); and June 29 – July 18 Hus School (ages 15 & above). Any child who wants to go to camp may go – you do not have to be a member of the church to attend. If you know of a child that wants to attend, please be informed that the cost is taken care of by our church. There will also be a Brethren Youth Fellowship retreat on July 26 & 27 at the Hus Camp. For more information, contact Rev Maly or Liz Ripple.

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.

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".</p> <p>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</p> <p><i>Pray for a growing spirit of fellowship among the people of each Brethren church.</i></p>	<p><i>Pray that all Brethren clearly recognize the importance of building up one another...and how to do that.</i></p>	<p>1 National Day of Prayer today. Pray for America, to identify and do God's will. Pray forgiveness for the millions of children sacrificed by abortion. Pray for godly leaders to lead us, as a nation under God.</p>	<p>2 Lord, lift our burdens and lead us in a better way than we have know in the past. My walk is obscured by my problems. Help me to see the victory in what You have promised. You are my strength. I rejoice!</p>	<p>3 Lord, I know that You have plans for me; plans for good and not for disaster. Today, let me listen to those plans. Help me to conquer the fear that keeps me from moving forward. I need Your power. Help Lord!</p>
<p>4 Let us remember as we worship this morning, the Lord wants to visit our life. Let us invite His mighty, mighty power into our worship service. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.</p>	<p>5 Dear Father, bless us that we may live without fear. Assure us that You have overcome everything in the world. Mold our worry into the assurance that You are our good shepherd.</p>	<p>6 Dear Lord, whenever I get too busy and too taken up with the world around me, help me to see what You are doing around me. Make me a part of Your plans. Let me know Your will for me. Praise!</p>	<p>7 Father, I pray for America. Raise up more Christian leaders who depend on Your wisdom and power. Give Your church courage, vision and commitment to glorify Your Holy name.</p>	<p>8 Pray for the leaders who are preparing the Summer Camp programs at the Hus Encampment. Pray for the Holy Spirit to lead students and counselors. Pray that lives are transformed</p>	<p>9 Dear Father, give us new compaassion for people around us. Use us up for Your glory and then refresh us, refill us that we may give You more glory. Continue Your work in us today.</p>	<p>10 Pray for God to raise up more people in our Unity churches to lead and teach Bible studies. God honors the teaching of His Word. Pray and ask if God is calling you to this mighty ministry.</p>
<p>11 Thank God for Mothers who serve Him. Pray for mothers who now nurture their children in a culture hostile to family values. Pray for families, faith, hope, commitment & love.</p>	<p>12 Lord, sometimes the cares and activity of each day create a distance in our relationship. Help me to see that Your promise is like a garden spring in a dry desert. Let me experience Your Hope.</p>	<p>13 Lord, today, I need Your confirmation. Am I still firmly on a path to accomplish the mission you have for me. Teach me Lord. Give me wisdom that I may know the way. Light my path.</p>	<p>14 Pray for all who are graduating from schools and colleges. Plant in their minds a desire to continue to grow by reading and studying the Bible. Lord, work in the lives of all young people.</p>	<p>15 Lord, plant within my heart the desire to help someone who can never repay me. For such was Your work Lord Jesus. You did for us what we could never repay. Empower me.</p>	<p>16 Lord, perhaps, I have sensed changes You desire me to make. Perhaps, this is the day I should begin. I already know what You desire for me. Out with procrastination. I know You will be with me.</p>	<p>17 Pray: Lord, teach me to forgive and let go of the past pain & hurts. Free me now from anger, resentment and bitterness. Bring healing to all of Your children enslaved by their past.</p>
<p>18 Dear God, we praise You for You have created us and everything around us. We praise You! Thank You for sharing with us the beauty of what You have created. Thank You for sending Christ to save us from our sins.</p>	<p>19 Parents, pray for your children each and every day. Pray that God will protect them and give them power to stand against temptation. Pray for their passion and love for God and that they learn to know Jesus early.</p>	<p>20 True story. A four year old told her mom how much she wanted a puppy and prayed for one. The next morning, a beautiful terrier on her doorstep. Lord, give us the trust & faith of a four year old when we pray.</p>	<p>21 Continue to pray for our armed forces, their families and support personnel. Pray for the peace process in Iraq and the Mideast. Father, in humility, we praise and thank You for protection during these times.</p>	<p>22 Read John 15. Father, You are the vine and we the branches. We cannot bear fruit unless we remain connected to & have relationship with You. Lord, guide us and our churches to remain in You and to bear fruit.</p>	<p>23 Father, You have promised us a spring of living water, yet we often settle for worldly waters which satisfy only temporarily. Pray for the strength and resolve to seek the fullness of God's power in your life.</p>	<p>24 We get caught up in the busyness of our daily routines. Lord, stop us in our tracks and impress upon each of us the need to build up one another; the need to do life together. Lord, open the eyes of my heart.</p>
<p>25 Father, help us to overcome all that interferes with our ability to truly praise and worship You. Fill us with a passion that strives for holiness. Multiply our ability to love our neighbor.</p>	<p>26 Lord, help me to identify the things that I fear in order that I may conquer them. Out with fear! Lord, You tell me not to be dismayed by fear for You are there with me always. You empower me to overcome.</p>	<p>27 Dear Father, the Gospel is Your message unto us. Give us the good sense to realize this and to go to Your Gospel to learn the great mysteries of life and how You work among us, even today.</p>	<p>28 We know and daily meet many people who don't know God's love. They may only see a tiny beam of light in the distance piercing the darkness. Father, help me to amplify that small beam of light.</p>	<p>29 Lord, when opportunity presents itself for me to witness, out with fear! Empower me to speak with boldness knowing that I have power when You are with me. Knowing a right time to say what I need to say.</p>	<p>30 Lord, so much depends on the Supreme Court of our land. We pray that Your power will manifest itself among the justices of the court for their many decisions; especially for the reversal of Roe V. Wade.</p>	<p>31 Pray: Dear God, here I am. Am I giving You my best? Awaken me from my slumber. Help me embrace the strength that comes from giving myself to Jesus and to really allow Him to reveal His plan for me.</p>