

Fayetteville Brethren Church - Nov. 2008 Newsletter

Nov 9 – Veteran’s Tribute

Nov 16 – Christian Sisters meeting after worship service

Nov 23 – Thanksgiving Service; Holy Communion

Nov 25 (Tues) – Community Thanksgiving Service at Fayetteville Brethren with meal – 6 PM

Nov 30 – Chili lunch (made by Margaret), Greening of the church

Dec 13 (Sat.) – Progressive Dinner – Heavy appetizers & Desserts

Dec 21 (Sun.) – Christmas Service; Holy Communion

Dec 24 (Wed.) – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 6:00 PM

Feb 7 (Sat.) – Joint 4-church fellowship at our church & – 3:00 (?) – *(Watch for details!)*

Flowers, Communion Set-up: Liz & Joe Ripple.

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! A challenge is being issued to strive for an annual goal per member for the Unity Missions. Congregations that can do so are asked to try for \$50 per member. The Board of Elders encourages all members to give as much as they can to support the denomination’s missionary efforts. Please mark “for missions” on your check and place it in the offering plate in November.

Honoring Our Veterans: 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 9, we will pay tribute to these special people during our worship service. Please keep them and our active duty military personnel in your prayers.

The military flags that are displayed on the alter were donated by Pauline and David Ott in honor of all the men and women who have served and are serving in the military forces. The flags represent all 5 branches of the service: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and the U. S. Coast Guard and one flag is for the P.O.W.’s and M.I.A. The base for the flag stand was built and donated by Jerry Dove. Thank you – Pauline, David & Jerry - for honoring our military men and women!

Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Fayetteville Brethren Church on Tuesday, November 25 at 6 PM. The St John Lutheran’s of Ellinger will provide the meal which will be served after the worship service. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Memorials received – Memorials were made to the building fund last month in memory of Anna, Arque and Ello Elsik, Frances & Joe Elsik, Bernice Elsik Miller and Norbert Vrazel and to the Perpetual Care 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.

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.

Ordering Poinsettias: Please see Liz Ripple if you would like to buy a poinsettia to help 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. The proceeds from the poinsettias will go toward funding 4-H activities in Fayette County. The poinsettias are red and come in 6" covered pots. Please order your poinsettia by Nov 23. They may be taken home after the Christmas Eve service.

Progressive Christmas Dinner: The date for our 5th annual Progressive Christmas Dinner is Saturday, December 13. At the home of Martha & Jerry Dove from 5:00 to 6:45 we will have heavy appetizers and Hors d'oeuvre's; then from 7:00 to 8:30 we will be at Katherine & Keith Brown's home to have desserts and sing Christmas carols. Rides and car-pooling will be available – see Ginger Marshall. Mark your calendar as you will not want to miss the fun and food! Please see the sign up poster for food and to indicate your attendance.

The Christian Sisters' Society: The Christian Sister's are collecting items for their raffle in March - the deadline for items is Nov 16; contact Liz Ripple. The raffle proceeds will benefit various projects, missions and charity work. The drawing will be held on March 28, 2009.

The Fourth Annual Church Ladies' Retreat is January 30 and 31 at Camp Lone Star (near La Grange). If you plan on attending, please see Nancy Vasut or Sandra Stepan for a registration form. The deadline for registering is Dec 15. The cost this year is \$60.00 for one night, three meals & motel room accommodations. Jane Fruge will be the guest speaker.

A booth will be set up on Dec 6 at Country Christmas in Fayetteville to sell raffle tickets, cookbooks and commemorative plates. Complimentary hot chocolate, hot tea and cookies will be served. A box has been set up in the foyer to collect food donations for needy families. Items are also being collected for Operation Christmas Child. The next meeting will be Nov 16; there will not be a meeting in December. **Dues are \$20 and are payable now for 2009** to Blaise McKinzie. You do not have to be a member of the church to join.

Board of Elders' Report: The Elders had a joint meeting with the Elders from Nelsonville, Wesley and Industry on Oct 15 at the IBC. The purpose was to share what each congregation is doing over the final 3 months of the year and how we can help and support each other. Another joint fellowship with the 4 churches is being planned for Saturday, February 7, 2009. At their Oct meeting, the Elders voted to once again give Brethren Journal subscriptions to all active members. As always, if you have any comments or concerns please let the Elders know.

Church Website: Please visit our church website – FayettevilleBrethrenChurch.org – whenever you surf the web. Raina & Rick Longobardi are doing a great job keeping it updated. The website can help keep you informed of what is happening at our church. The church newsletter is posted monthly and there are also pictures of events held at our church. A new feature – PayPal to buy church cookbooks and commemorative plates – (approved by the Elders) will be added soon to the website. Thank you to Raina & Rick for volunteering their time to this project.

Joyful Noise Church Retreat – The 3rd Annual denomination-wide choral retreat is scheduled for January 9-11, 2009 at the Hus Encampment in Caldwell. Spend the weekend rehearsing new worship music while sharing your talents with other members of the denomination and followers of Christ. Workshops, rehearsal times, fellowship time, and a concert will be the highlights of the weekend. All people ages 12-200 are invited to join in! Registration forms are in the foyer or contact Angela Farris 817-694-5035 or at akaycat@gmail.com. The fee is \$80.00 per person by December 10.

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<p>View or download this calendar on the Unity website: unityofthebrethren.org Click on "calendar" and then "DPC". Subscribe at: dailyprayercal@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: dailyprayercal@hotmail.com</p>	<p>PRAYER FOCUS <i>Pray for a growing knowledge of the Will of God through prayer and Bible study</i> →</p>	<p><i>Pray God's will for yourself, your family and your church.</i> <i>Don't just pray with words out of duty or ritual; pray with</i> →</p>	<p><i>your heart listening and communing with the Lord. Pray in faith, confidence and expectation that God will hear you.</i></p>	<p><i>Pray for God to fill any emptiness in your life with a deep passion and desire and a longing to accomplish His purpose for your life.</i></p>	<p>1 Come Lord Jesus, be one with me today. Empower me to be the salt and the light. Let all that I do today be a sweet fragrance dedicated to You. I need You every minute of this day.</p>
<p>2 Oh Lord Jesus, hear the prayers of our intercessors and send your angels to to open a portal that the power of the Holy Spirit may pour out among us and minister to each of us.</p>	<p>3 Lord, help us to live without fear and stand in prayer for those very people and nations that defy You. Awaken Your people to move toward a deeper unity and prayer for this nation.</p>	<p>4 Lord Jesus, I pray that Your will is done today as we in our country elect our leaders. Lord, do not spare Your miracles today, in guiding Your people to make the right choices. Discernment!</p>	<p>5 Lord Jesus, I pray for Your blessings today...upon me and my family. I pray for Your blessings upon my church family. I claim the promise that we must ask and we will receive. Amen</p>	<p>6 Lord, I truly sense that You are doing something in my life today. You have totally washed away my fear that I am ready to do what I may have never done before. Light my path, make me bold.</p>	<p>7 Lord God, let me delight in Your Word. Plant within me a hunger to study Your message to me in Your Holy Bible. Help me set aside other priorities to open and study Your Word.</p>	<p>8 Wisdom to see what You wish me to do today. I know You do not desire me to feel rushed in doing Your work. As I delight in doing Your will You give me the desires of my heart. Thank You, Lord.</p>
<p>9 Oh Lord Jesus, it is You that we worship today. You are our strength and our redeemer. We welcome You to dwell among us this morning.</p>	<p>10 Ask God with boldness, confidence and faith for boldness in our land, to stand against new age religions, witchcraft, and perversity in the entertainment industry.</p>	<p>11 Veterans' Day. A good time to pray blessings on those who serve in our armed forces in dangerous places over the world. Pray blessings also on those who served.</p>	<p>12 Lord Jesus, You have promised me, that if I have faith, You will pour Yourself into my life. I recognize that I so need Your light to live a victorious life today.</p>	<p>13 Lord, in times of crisis, let us acknowledge in prayer how much we depend on You. Pray about your needs, financial, personal, family and strong faith to prevail</p>	<p>14 Lord, my walk with You today may require an extra measure of Your strength. Help me to be constantly aware of Your presence. Who can I strengthen in some way.</p>	<p>15 Pray for the mission of the church to complete her task of proclaiming the gospel of God's Kingdom in the entire world. Pray for greater passion to love God.</p>
<p>16 There is none like You Lord Jesus. Hear us as we repent of all our follies. Wash us, cleanse us and empower us to be Your children, Your hands, Your feet, and Your voice here on this earth.</p>	<p>17 "...The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord and against His anointed, saying 'Let us tear their fetters apart and cast away their cords from us.'" (Ps.2: 1-3) Pray!</p>	<p>18 Jesus, Jesus, help me in my struggle today to do Your will. Take my hand...I extend it to You to lead me to that person who will cross my path and to whom You desire me to minister in some way.</p>	<p>19 Jesus warned us that many will come in His name seeking to deceive and they will deceive many. Father, in these times, grant our church power through our pastors and leaders with the gift of discernment.</p>	<p>20 We cannot grow to spiritual maturity if we are frozen in the past and captive to yesterdays habits and way of doing things. Lord, help me to hold to the good from the past and be open to new things You have for me.</p>	<p>21 The Bible tells us that unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Pray about how you can assure that the Lord is the architect of your family. Pray about God's design for building your family.</p>	<p>22 Dear Lord, I pray for the discipline to worship and praise You every day, not just on Sunday. You are with me wherever I go. I will pause to praise you today even as I prepare my heart for worship tomorrow.</p>
<p>23 Lord, I pray that people in the Body of Christ will not allow themselves to be deceived. <u>See 2Thessalonians: 2-3.</u></p>	<p>24 Lord Jesus, how blessed we are that as evil matures into full rebellion, Your church matures into full Christlikeness. Teach me to pray for my nation. Use me to stand in the gap until my people become Your people.</p>	<p>25 Lord Jesus, on this day, I will try to remember that I am not perfect. Touch me and make me wise enough to be able to admit my mistakes, to confess them and move on and leave them behind as discarded baggage.</p>	<p>26 Father God, today reveal Your nearness and draw me and the entire Body of Christ into greater intimacy with You. When we fear, reveal Your love and give us courage. Renew, awaken and protect us from distractions.</p>	<p>27 Thanksgiving Day! We pause to give thanks and to forget our troubles. Lord, You bless us in so many ways. We know how little we deserve Your gifts and where they come from. Give us a special spirit of thankfulness today.</p>	<p>28 Lord, help me to grow in purity, obedience and discernment. Teach me to pray with the authority of Christ. Help me to renounce unbelief and live with the assurance of Christ's victory. Lead me away from temptation.</p>	<p>29 Dear Lord, Your living water flows into my life. Dear Jesus, who am I that You would invite me to be a part of Your wonderful plan. Give me power to be obedient, full of faith and pleasing to You in all that I do.</p>