



Fayetteville Brethren Church



DECEMBER 2008 NEWSLETTER

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

Jan. 18 (Sun.) – Annual Congregational Meeting after the worship service, election of Elders

Jan. 25 – (Sun) – Installation of Elders

Lunch in Dec & Jan: There will not be a fellowship lunch in December or January. Please make plans to attend our Progressive Dinner on December 13 – the sign up sheet is in the foyer.

Flowers, Communion Set-up: Ginger & Jerry Marshall

Memorials received – Building Fund: in memory of Anna, Arque and Ello Elsik by Arley & Beverly Elsik; in memory of John Nelson Blanchard by Eugene & Margaret Michalsky, Liz & Joe Ripple and Jeannette & B.J. Michalsky and in memory of Bernice Elsik Miller by Kathy Miller. **Cemetery Fund:** in memory of Anna, Arque & Ello Elsik by Herrell & Mae Elsik; in memory of Bernice Elsik Miller by Leland, Kathy & Sheryl Miller; and in memory of Leroy & Hedy Hruska by Beth & Bryan Chapline. 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. NEW – you may also go online to the church website and place your order!

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. NEW – you may also go online to the church website and place your order!

Progressive Christmas Dinner: The date for our 5th annual Progressive Christmas Dinner is 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. Rides and car-pooling will be available – see Ginger Marshall. Please put this date on your calendar as you will not want to miss the fun and food!

The Christian Sisters' Society: The Christian Sister's met on Nov 16 with 11 members present. A booth will be set up on Dec 6 at Country Christmas in Fayetteville to sell raffle tickets, cookbooks and commemorative plates. It was agreed to serve complimentary hot

chocolate, hot tea and cookies. A trip to the River Oaks nursing home in Columbus was set for Dec 11. The food drive will continue through Dec and will be delivered to the AMEN food pantry in La Grange. 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. Nancy gave the devotional about "Thanksgiving" from Psalm 30. There will not be a meeting in December or January; the next meeting will be Feb 15. If you would like to join the Christian Sisters' Society, please contact Blaise McKinzie or Liz Ripple. **Dues are \$20 and are payable now for 2009.** You do not have to be a member of the church to join.

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. Pay Pal is now available to purchase cookbooks and commemorative church plates. 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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>View or download this calendar on the Unity website: unityofthebrethren.org Click on "calendar" and then "DPC".</i></p> <p><i>Subscribe at: dailypraycal@hotmail.com</i></p>	<p>1 Focus your quiet time on Matt. 1:20. Pray about slowing down your pace to allow Christ's peace into your Christmas. Make this a special time to pray about overcoming doubts and fears.</p>	<p>2 Begin to pray about the magnificent event of Christmas which we will celebrate soon. Praise God that He send Jesus in human form to reconcile you and me and the entire world to Him. Lord, passion for sharing this.</p>	<p>3 Pray about your spiritual journey in life. Are you moving fast, slow or are you at a standstill? Pray God will help you identify where you are and where He wants you to be. Pray for God's power and wisdom.</p>	<p>4 Pray that God will open your eyes; that you will see and understand God's global mission to share the gospel with all people groups in the world. Then God's Kingdom will be fully established for all time.</p>	<p>5 Father, bless us with the understanding that Christmas is not just lights, tinsel and trimmings. It is also love, joy, hope, peace and adoration of the one whose birth we are invited to celebrate.</p>	<p>6 It does little good for a person to know about God and live without loving and glorifying Him. Pray about how you respond to God. Pray for passion to love God more each day. Hallelujah, Christ was born!</p>
<p>7 2nd Sun. in Advent. Peace! Lord, make us channels of Your peace. Help us to be messengers of our Lord's Gospel of peace. To Him be the glory. For His blessings and peace we pray.</p>	<p>8 Focus your quiet time on Matt. 1:20. Pray about slowing down your pace to allow Christ's peace into your Christmas. Make this a special time to pray about overcoming doubts/fears.</p>	<p>9 Use John 16:33 to help focus your quiet time. Pray about overcoming self-centeredness and an understanding of whatever makes you hesitate to share the gospel of Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>10 Pray about the passage of Isaiah 11:6. Pray for peace and harmony in your church and in your life. Pray that the scales of unforgiveness be removed from our eyes & hearts.</p>	<p>11 Pray about the message in Col. 3:15. Dear God, may Your peace through Christ fill my heart and touch everyone in my family. May we have the wisdom to lift each other up.</p>	<p>12 Read and meditate on Proverbs 17:1 and what it means to you. Pray for clear focus on what really matters in life. Pray God reveals to you unfruitful things that waste your time and life.</p>	<p>13 Read 2 Peter 3:13-14. Pray about how Christ came and died to settle our sin debt. Pray that God might reveal those areas in your life that do not reflect the reality of Christ.</p>
<p>14 3rd Sunday in Advent. Joy! Gracious and loving God, we count it our greatest joy of knowing You. Help me to be a joyous witness for You in Jesus most precious name.</p>	<p>15 Meditate on Isaiah 35:1-2. Pray about the moral wilderness in America that robs so many people of true joy. Pray that people in our country will humble themselves/find His joy.</p>	<p>16 Meditate on Luke 2:8-11. Lord, forgive me for not being a better example of joyous living. Help me see past my own struggles and know the joy that comes from living out God's purpose.</p>	<p>17 Focus on Phillipians 2:1. Pray about keeping your mind in proper perspective as the hectic pace of the season seeks to draw you away from the reason we celebrate. Pray gratefully. Gratitude to God..</p>	<p>18 Read 1 Thes. 5:16-18. Pray for people you may know whose joy this Christmas will be punctuated by grief, bad health and other bad circumstances. Pray God's grace will give them joy.</p>	<p>19 Meditate on 1 Peter 4: 12-13. Pray for the thousands of Christians over the world who are persecuted, suffering and dying rather than give up their faith. Praise God that they will rejoice in God</p>	<p>20 Realize today that you are valuable to the Kingdom of God. Praise God for His love and direction. Pray for the anointing of God on your life...for His direction in all of your actions today. Yes! God reigns!</p>
<p>21 4th Sunday in Advent. Love! Loving God, help us to love one another as Christ loves us. Give us the strength to go out and share the love You show us each and every day.</p>	<p>22 Lord Jesus, our hearts break for those who have lost their jobs. They have serious financial needs. Lord, touch the hearts of Brethren to help those with financial needs.</p>	<p>23 Lord Jesus, our hearts break for the children of those whose jobs have been cut. Lord, touch the hearts of all Brethren to connect with people around them who have financial needs.</p>	<p>24 Luke 2:7. Lord God, words fail us when we try to express thanks for Jesus Christ. Help our lives express gratitude. Thank You for this tangible expression of Your Love. We celebrate!</p>	<p>25 Luke 2:13. Oh God, what can we possibly give back for the gift of Your Son, Jesus? We can only give ourselves. Receive us as we are, yet, change us into what we should be; to be part of this redemption</p>	<p>26 Since I do not know when Jesus will return or when I will draw my last breath, let us pray that we are always prepared. Growing in God's Word and with a fresh relationship with Jesus.</p>	<p>27 If we want to serve God and live a holy life, we can't watch ungodly TV programs and movies. Pray for vision, wisdom and strength to make good entertainment choices. You/your family.</p>
<p>28 Lord Jesus, speak to us as we worship. Open our ears that we may hear how You want us to grow in the new year soon to come. What do You want us to change in our lives? We pray that You will</p>	<p>29 Lord, when the enemy attacks us, give us the strength and faith to stand firm...to know that You will honor Your promises to rescue us. Lord Jesus, I am Your child. Yes! I am a child of the King. I praise You.</p>	<p>30 Pray for your children, grandchildren and other children you know. Begin to pray God's will for their lives from the time they are infants. Pray about every aspect of their lives and for Christian maturity.</p>	<p>31 Yearend is a good time to take inventory of your progress to spiritual maturity. How much have you grown this year? Pray for a clear vision of what you need to do and change to grow your walk with God.</p>	<p><i>PRAYER FOCUS</i> <i>During this Advent season this month, do make a special effort to spend quiet time with God each and every day. Read scripture daily. →</i></p>		<p><i>Pray God will open your ears that you hear His voice and direction for your life. Prayer, Bible study and quiet time will open doors of relationship.</i></p>

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