

Fayetteville Brethren Church
NEWS for the JANUARY 2009 NEWSLETTER

Jan 11 – Elders meeting after Worship Service

Jan 18 – Annual Congregational Meeting after worship service; election of Elders

Jan 25 – Installation of 2007 Elders and Officers during worship

No communion in January.

Sat, Feb 7 – Four Brethren Church service & fellowship at Fayetteville Brethren

Lunch in January & February: No fellowship lunch will be held in January. We will have a four Brethren Church fellowship on Sat, Feb 7 – a Chili dinner (made by Margaret) will be served. A list will be in the foyer for everyone to sign up for side dishes.

Congregational Meeting Jan 18 – Please make plans to stay after worship service; we will be electing elders for 2009 and annual reports will be given. Those interested in running for Church Elder may contact anyone on the nominating committee, Liz, Ginger, Jerry Dove or Scott. The deadline to have your name on the ballot is Sunday, Jan 4. To be eligible for the Board of Elders you must be at least 21 years of age and he or she must be an active member of the Church for at least one year and be in good standing.

Memorials received – **Building Fund:** in memory of Anna, Arque and Ello Elsik by Arley & Beverly Elsik, John & Sophie Franta and Henry & Matilda Blinka by Harry & Lillian Blinka. **Cemetery Fund:** in memory of Leslie Singer by Karin Singer. 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.

The Christian Sisters' Society: There was no meeting in December. The Christian Sisters' are selling raffle tickets; if you would like to buy some, please contact any of the members. The drawing will be held Saturday, March 28, 2009 along with a bake sale, hot dogs and the annual Rummage Sale. The Rummage Sale starts on Friday, March 27. The Fourth Annual Church Ladies' Retreat is January 30-31 at Camp Lone Star (near La Grange). If you plan on attending, please see Nancy Vasut for a registration form. A total of \$60.00 is payable at that time. The next meeting will be Feb 15, 2009 with election of officers. If you would like to join the Christian Sisters' Society, please contact Blaise McKinzie or Liz Ripple. Dues (\$20) for 2009 can be paid now through Feb 28. All ladies age 16 and over may become a member. You do not have to be a member of the church to join.

Sunday School - The Sunday School class will be starting the new year with a little different format. We did a twelve week historical study of the origin and translations of the Bible earlier in 2008 with good success. I am working on "The History of Israel" and hope to offer this topic in Sunday School starting the second Sunday in February. Please join us for coffee and conversation every Sunday morning at 9:30.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
View or download this calendar on the Unity website: unityofthebrethren.org Click on "calendar" and then "DPC". Subscribe at: dailypraycal@hot.rr.com	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@hot.rr.com	PRAYER FOCUS <i>Lord Jesus, help me to honestly evaluate if I have really grown in my walk with You this past year; or have I wasted my →</i>	<i>my time on trivial pursuits. I want to grow...change. I cannot do it on my own. Here I am Lord, help me. I will follow You.</i>	1 Join prayer warriors scattered among our Unity congregations calling us Brethren to prayer. Perhaps they have gotten a glimpse of the work God desires for us. Pray you see it also.	2 Many people sense God calling them to a ministry but fail to act on it because they fear they are not able to do it. If God calls you to do something, He will also empower you to do it.	3 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. Consider if God is calling you to this ministry. Pray about it.
4 Dear God, how great is our joy that we may praise You. Great is our joy for what You have done in our lives. Our joy is complete because we need not fear the future or the unknown.	5 In this new year, pray that you make personal worship of God a daily event, not just our corporate worship on Sundays. Pray about adopting a lifestyle of worship.	6 Pray that God will help you overcome any anxiety and stress you may experience from time to time. Lord, help us to find peace in You. Remove stress that robs us of peace and joy.	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.	8 This year Lord, I will daily work hard to keep Your commandments. Empower me to turn away from doing evil and lead me in the paths of loving my neighbor and doing Your will.	9 Father, by the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, give me the power to live life competently. Give me the courage to be the "salt and light" You would have me be.	10 Dear Jesus, You washed the feet of Your disciples to show to show us that we are to live lives of service. Lord, help me overcome pride and teach me the blessings of service and generosity.
11 Lord, we ask Your presence among us as we worship You today. Give us the blessing of passion and knowing that You are here among touching our lives. Empower us to do Your will every day.	12 Pray: Lord, teach me to forgive and let go of the past and pain. Free me now from anger, resentment and bitterness. Bring healing to all of Your children enslaved by their past.	13 God calls all Christians to minister to those who grieve and suffer loss. Lord God, empower me to be Your instrument of comfort to someone who needs it. Help me see that person.	14 Lord, I pray about stewardship; how I manage the resources You have given me to manage. Give me wisdom to manage my resources and spiritual gifts and the heart to use them wisely.	15 Lord, cleanse us of old ways and habits that keep us from discipleship. Refresh us and renew us that we may be the people You are calling us to be. Lord, give us a hunger to know You more fully.	16 Lord, strengthen us, empower us that we take advantage of every opportunity to reflect Your presence to everyone we meet today. People can see Jesus thru us. How awesome!	17 Pray for your pastor and his/her family. Pray that God will use Your pastor to touch the lives of those who need spiritual renewal; those who need hope in Jesus Christ our Lord.
18 Dear Father, bring us into Your presence this morning. Open our minds that we may come to understand more of the wonders of Your word. Open our hearts that we may love You without reservation.	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.	20 Pray for teachers and all who are involved in educating children. Pray that God will empower Christian teachers and give them courage to take advantage of opportunities to witness.	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 the war.	22 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.	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.	24 Pray that God will raise up people with a passion for the dechurched. Pray for people to equip Brethren with the desire and ability to invite and welcome people to our churches and help them connect.
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.	26 Lord, the desire to be self-sufficient often controls me. Forgive me when I forget that I need to depend on You for power to live life each day. Thank you Lord for understanding my brokenness.	27 Pray for faith to take all of your problems and concerns to God. Right now, talk to God about your needs and your cares. Ask Him for help in decisions you have been postponing. Talk and listen for His response.	28 Lord, when I feel overwhelmed, overloaded and out of touch, give me the wisdom to know that I must relax and refresh my body and spirit. Compel me to spend quiet time with You to experience your renewal.	29 Dear Father, help me realize that every day is a gift from You. I thank You for revealing Yourself to me. I thank You for giving me this day. When I think of it, I tremble in the awe of Your presence.	30 Dear Lord, work in us that we Brethren may be know for our optimism and positive action. Make us people of vision. Allow us to dream great dreams of Your Will for us and to depend on Your power, not ours.	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.