

Fayetteville Brethren Church Newsletter
FEBRUARY 2009
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Feb 7 – 4 church fellowship – registration 3:00 PM (see article for more info)
Feb 15 – Christian Sisters meeting after service
Feb 18 (Wed) – Elders meeting at the church – 7 PM
Feb 25 (Wed) – Mid-week Community Lenten services - 7 PM - here
March 1 – Holy Communion – First Sunday in Lent
March 4, 11, 18, 25 (Wed) – Lent services here – 7 PM
March 27 (Fri)– Christian Sisters’ rummage sale
March 28 (Sat) - Christian Sisters’ rummage sale, raffle, bake sale
April 12 – Easter Sunrise Service with breakfast, egg hunt – 7 AM

No Communion in February.

Lunch in February & March: Come to our 4 church fellowship on Saturday, Feb 7 – chili made by Margaret will be served. We will have a fellowship lunch on March 8.

Memorials received – Building fund in memory of Anna, Arque and Ello Elsik, Bernice Elsik Miller, John T. Henslee, Evelyn Oates, Viola Raeke Spiess and Leara Henneke and in honor of Martha & Jerry Dove. Cemetery fund in memory of Leara Henneke. 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.

Congregational Church meeting – The Annual Congregational Meeting was held during the worship on Sunday, January 18. The meeting was called to order by President Joe Ripple. The minutes from the previous Congregational Meeting and the 2008 Financial Statement were presented and approved. The following were elected to serve on the Board of Elders for 2009: Joe Ripple – Pres., Gary Dorsett – V.P., Liz Ripple – Sec/Treas/, Kathy Miller, Scott Marshall, Jerry Dove, Ginger Marshall, Milton Heintschel and Ray Stepan. Jerry Dove was elected to be our representative at the Unity Convention to be held at the Temple Brethren Church July 9-11. Joe Ripple was elected to be the alternate.

4-Church Fellowship will be held here on Saturday, February 7. Please help welcome our fellow Brethren from Nelsonville, Wesley and Industry! Registration will begin at 3 PM. The worship and praise service will begin at 3:30. There will be a trophy given to the church with the highest % of active members attending. They will get to keep this trophy until we have another fellowship gathering. **ACTIVITY:** Silent Auction – please bring an item for the silent auction which will benefit the Good Shepherd Moravian Church in Port Arthur – contact Martha Dove. **FOOD:** we will serve chili (made by Margaret) – please sign up to bring a side dish (list is in the foyer). Come visit with your old friends and make some new ones!

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: The Christian Sisters are selling raffle tickets to raise funds for projects – please contact any of the members. The drawing will be held on March 28. Please bring items for the rummage sale after March 1. The next meeting will be Feb 15. Election for Treasurer and Secretary will be held. 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 thru 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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 A challenge to DPC readers in Texas and in many other states. Find a major Hwy. and drive the crossstreets/roads & pray for the people that the spiritual atmosphere will change & God will move in the hearts of the people	2 "If you don't know what you're doing, pray to the Father. He loves to help. You'll get His help.. when you ask for it. Ask boldly, believingly, without a second thought..." James 1: 5-6 MSG	3 Prayers today are for those whose hearts are troubled. God's wisdom is always available to us but sometimes, we act without listening. Pray God will help all who are troubled. Wisdom to ask and listen. See John 14:27	4 Father, we hold up in prayer those who are troubled because of the financial times. Impart generosity to those who are blessed. Lord, be a wise counselor to lead many out of the pit. See James 3: 17-18.	5 Lord Jesus, we ask You to guide us in these uncertain times. When we find ourselves in unknown territory, out of our comfort zone, give us fresh new direction. Courage to embrace new things/new direction.	6 In this time of economic turmoil, there are likely some in your church who lost jobs or suffered economic loss. Pray for them. Pray also that those who have been blessed will be touched to respond in some way.	7 Lord, You have chosen some of us to bring light and love to those You have sent to us. They all around us. Open our eyes that we may see them. Remind us often that we are Your hands. Your message is on our tongue.
8 Lord Jesus, as we worship You, Bless me with the ability to know Your heart and what motivates You. Lord, I am useless to You unless You teach me to love people as You loved them.	9 If a barrage of things has hit you, one after another, this is when you must trust in the Lord. He has brought you thru in the past and will do so again. Focus on Him. He will rescue you as before.	10 We are hearing much bad news about 2009. First, pray God will change it. If this is not His will, pray He will give us the grace to endure it; and give compassionate hearts to the blessed.	11 Lord Jesus, thank You for Your power in my life. I invite You to be the very source of my identity. Lord, You made me in Your image. Help me to live so that others see that image in me.	12 Lord, I am quick to criticize; if not openly, in my thoughts. Instead, teach me to pray for Your will to be done; for Your Kingdom to come on this earth. Teach me to listen and hearing, to respond.	13 If we do not take time to praise God and allow Him to refresh us, we can become weary and our souls parched and dry. Father, renew us and fill our thirsting souls with Your joy and peace.	14 Lord, we pause for a moment; we slow down our pace to see the world around us. Help us to see You in things and people. Help us to see You and how You are active in the world around us.
15 Father, we worship You today as Your "outcalled ones." Bind us together as Your mighty warriors. Teach us to encourage one another and build each other up. Equip, empower!	16 Lord, give me the wisdom to be available to advise, help, but not take over...to learn that all is not mine to do. Show me those I need to encourage and teach. Give me gracefulness to retreat.	17 Lord Jesus, give me power to resist being detracted by those who focus on trivial things. You call to move past those who would block my path. Help me to see the higher road.	18 Lord, today, I simply pray You will pour out more grace, more anointing, more vision to see the blessings You have in store for me. Wisdom to wash away all doubt with showers of faith.	19 Pray for those in your church who have a ministry to children in their heart. Pray blessing on those who are putting God's ways, paths and truth into the coming generations.	20 Pray for the wisdom, power and desire to respond lovingly even when you are treated unfairly. Lord, it is difficult but I know I must be the light and the salt. Help me do this.	21 Dear Lord, I thank You. Danger is all around me, yet I know I am secure in Your power. My world may tremble, yet I know You are my God and You hold me in the hollow of Your hand.
22 Lord, we rejoice that our praise for You proceeds from a thankful heart. We rejoice in You. Once, our thoughts were focused mostly on us. Thank You for helping us grow & become strong in the power of Your might.	23 Lord, I thank You that Your Covenant of Love can never be broken. No enemy can prevail against me as long as I depend on You. Lord, You are my overcomer. I serve You with gladness. Joy!	24 Prayer intercessors, please know how important your prayers are in these times. <u>God hears and answers!</u> Times of shaking & change. Financial challenges, seek out precious children, for God's Glory!	25 Pray for America. Pray against the spirit of "in place of Christ" that is endeavoring to come upon this nation. Pray instead for purification, renewal. May our prayers blind the eyes of the enemy; that our light will shine.	26 Jesus, where the enemy has sought to intimidate Your church, hear the prayers of Your saints that we might intimidate him. We believe that You will hear our prayers and send us light, confidence, boldness	27 "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication (thanking God ahead of time for what you are asking for) let your requests be made known to God." Phillipians 4: 6	28 Lord, how difficult it is for us to love and be reconciled to our enemies. Help us to forgive, to reconcile, for in so doing, we know we will be drawn closer to You and we will find peace and joy beyond measure.
<i>View or download this calendar on the Unity website: unityofthebrethren.org Click on "calendar" and then "DPC". Subscribe at: dailypraycal@hot.rr.com</i>	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>Pray that God will intervene in restoring our economy in America.</i>	<i>Pray for those in our church and community who have lost their jobs. Pray God will open doors that will sustain thru these hard times.</i>	<i>Pray for relationships among all of us who are the "outcalled ones." In our families, at work, school and wherever we meet people.</i>	<i>Lord Jesus, hear the prayers of those who patiently pray for a loved one who resists relationship with You. Hear their prayers. Open minds. Grace!</i>	<i>Pray that everyone in the church grasps the fact that we should always be actively doing something to grow in Christ. Never get stuck. Press on!</i>