

Fayetteville Brethren Church
Newsletter for MARCH 2009

March 1 – Holy Communion, First Sunday in Lent

Mar 4, 11, 18, 25 (Wed) – Lent services at here at 7 PM

Mar 8 – Daylight Savings time begins

March 19 – (Thurs) – Church Elders meeting – 7 PM

Mar 27 (Fri) – Christian Sisters' Rummage Sale 8 AM – 1 PM

Mar 28 (Sat) – Christian Sisters' Raffle, Bake Sale (9 AM),
hot dogs & rummage sale 8 AM – 1 PM

April 12 – Easter Sunrise Service – 7 AM; with Breakfast and Egg Hunt

June 28 (Sun) – 11th Annual Church Celebration

Lunch in March & April: No lunch in March – come to the Christian Sisters' fundraiser on Saturday March 28 for hot dogs and bake sale. Breakfast will be served on April 12 for Easter Sunrise Service.

Memorials received – Memorials were made to the building fund last month in memory of Anna, Arque and Ello Elsik, Leara Henneke, Emmett Coufal, Henry & Sabina Elsik, Eva Kucera, and Pam Hayes. 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.

Lenten Services – The Lighted Cross has been put up outside the fellowship hall. The cross will help remind those who pass by of the Lenten season and how blessed we are, for He died that we might be forgiven. Everyone is invited to attend Lenten Services held each Wednesday here at 7 PM. Rev Maly is offering a meditation about “Where the cross can bring us.”

Four-Church Fellowship held on February 7 was attended by 77 people from our church, Nelsonville, Wesley and Industry. Chili and all the trimmings was enjoyed by everyone. There was a time of worship and singing of songs. The silent auction held to benefit the Good Shepherd Moravian Church was very successful. The attendance trophy was awarded to Fayetteville who had 52% of their active members in attendance. The Elders from the 4 churches will be meeting again in May to discuss another get-together.

Commemorative Church Plate – \$25 donation - ready for wrapping. If you would like to purchase one, please contact Liz Ripple (or purchase online at www.fayettevillebrethrenchurch.org). 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 (or purchase online at www.fayettevillebrethrenchurch.org).

Christian Sisters' Society Fundraiser – March 27 & 28: On Friday March 27, the Christian Sisters' will have a rummage sale from 8 AM till 1 PM. Items may be brought to the church

now. Please – if you bring clothes, make sure they are clean. And also, if you can, please have your items tagged ready for sale. On Saturday, March 28, the rummage sale will continue starting at 8 AM. A bake sale with hot dogs and sandwiches will start at 9 AM. Raffle tickets are being sold (contact any member) and the drawing will be held on Saturday at 12:30. Over 25 prizes will be awarded and the top prize is a hand-quilted quilt. The quilt was pieced and donated by Margaret Michalsky and quilted by Margie Klobedans.

Christian Sisters' Retreat: The retreat was held Jan 30 and 31 at Camp Lone Star near La Grange with 18 women attending. Jane Fruge was the guest speaker. The topic was “The Mind of Christ.” After dinner on Friday, the ladies enjoyed a sing-a-long around the camp fire. Goodie bags were handed out. On Saturday, a presentation on “Food and Mood” was given by Jacqueline Langston. The ladies are planning for next year – please think about joining in this wonderful time of sharing Christ with each other.

The Christian Sisters' Society: The Christian Sisters' met Sunday, Feb 15 after the worship service with 11 members present. Blaise McKinzie was elected Secretary and Sandra Stepan as Treasurer for 2009-2011. Items discussed included ordering handbooks for all members, Easter Egg hunt, quilt for June celebration, selling raffle tickets in front of Fayetteville Bank March 7 and the fundraiser on March 27 & 28. Volunteers are needed to help and any donations of baked items will be appreciated. If you would like to buy some raffle tickets, please contact any of the members. The drawing will be held March 28. The devotion given by Nancy Vasut was “The Shepherd knows your name.” The next meeting will be May 17 after the worship service.

If you would like to join the Christian Sisters' Society, please contact Blaise McKinzie or Liz Ripple. Dues are (\$20). All ladies age 16 and over may become a member. You do not have to be a member of the church to join.

Our congregation's 11th Annual Celebration benefiting the Building Fund is three months away, but NOW is the time to plan or make homemade items for the country store and the auction.

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>		<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 Lord, we could praise You for many undeserved blessings. But today, we praise You because You are the God of the universe and You deserve our worship, in spirit and in truth.	2 Lord Jesus, send us Your healing "rain". Let it fall upon us and heal broken spirits, infirm bodies and meaningless lives. Let it cleanse and prepare the soil of our churches for Your Word.	3 Out of many readers, someone reading this is hurting. Please know that the Lord knows where you are and what you are experiencing. Invite Him in and ask for help. You also have our prayers.	4 Father, I pray that the light of Your revelation will illumine America's churches. Remove unproductive vines. Prune, purify & restore. Raise up those who will shepherd in Your Word.	5 Lord, I sense that You are doing new things among us and in the Body of Christ. Calm our fears of change and give us vision to embrace restoration. Help us see new paths now prepared.	6 Lord Jesus, we are concerned about the falling away we see in America. Empower Your saints to stand against the evil that would consume us. Let us not grow weary we know You will triumph	7 Children's Rally at Hus Encampment. Pre K thru 3 rd Grade. Pray for parents and leaders. Pray that Jesus claims these little ones for His Kingdom. Holy Spirit, fill them now.
8 Daylight Savings Time begins today. Perhaps another of hour to praise and worship You. Let it remind us to use our time wisely; to make You the master of each of our days saving quiet time for You.	9 Lord, whenever my faith is tested, somehow, remind me of Your promise that You will never forsake me. Lord, I know that You can perform miracles. How foolish to doubt.	10 People around us have lost their jobs and fear what tomorrow will bring. Lord, provide hope and perhaps people of mercy who can help. Lord, we pray restoration in America.	11 Lord, I know that You have great plans for me. Remove the obstacles, problems, negativity that blocks my vision of what You desire for me. Renew my mind for great new things.	12 Lord, our culture, entertainment, institutions have slowly been claimed by sin and immorality. Let us shepherd one another to keep from slipping into making wrong choices.	13 Pray for your children, grandchildren, children in your church. Pray for them lest they be snatched away by godlessness. Pray for adults to nurture them. Jesus, claim them early.	14 Lord, help us to examine our relationship with money and material possessions. Please give us wisdom to control our possessions instead of them controlling us. Help us to be cheerful givers
15 Pray for your pastor today as he/she leads you along the path of praise into mighty worship. Pray that the Holy Spirit will sweep away all that hinders worship of our mighty God. He deserves all our attention/worship.	16 The times we live in cause many to live in fear. Financial fears, fear of illness, terrorism, fear of the unknown. Thank you Jesus for taking fear out of the darkness and into the light. You are my rock, strength and hope.	17 Lord, I pray for the church; I pray for my church. I pray that we will be joined together in unity and that we will excel in encouraging one another. Help each of us to find that place for which You equipped us.	18 Lord Jesus, I hunger to know You more fully. I stand in the gap and plead for wisdom and counsel only You can give. Teach me Your ways and strengthen me by confirming Your presence.	19 Forgive me Lord, for allowing things to steal away my quiet time with You. There is an emptiness when I fail to be in communion with You. You sustain my every breath, the air I breathe; Holy presence.	20 Lord, make us sensitive to those who are grieving. Make us instruments of Your grace to those who grieve. Teach us to be fully dependent on You when we minister to others. To be Your instruments.	21 Lord Jesus, You commanded us to love one another. How beautiful it is when we live in unity. Unity in our families, our church and as a people. We pray You will empower us to cast out hate and unforgiveness.
22 We open ourselves to You as we worship, that You might change us in some way. If there is anyone here who feels distant from You, may they be filled with Your river of life. May it overflow unto us also.	23 Dear Lord, give us all hearts for prayer and worship; not just today in church but every day of the week. We come to you with prayers and petitions that You will bless us, our families & all who profess you as Lord.	24 Pray for the unemployed, that their needs will be met. Pray that they will find meaningful work, that God will open doors to all who need work; for all who need a means to provide their support.	25 Lord, we pray for the strength to break through strongholds in our life that keep us from obedience to what God wants for us. Give us faith and resolve to live in obedience to God who deserves and demands it.	26 Pray: Father, let me be content with what I have. Help me to overcome envy of others; the endless pursuit of more and more material possessions. Lord, You are more than enough to meet our needs.	27 Someone reading this has tried over and over again to overcome some specific sin in their life. Jesus, please help us realize we cannot do it on our own. Here is my hand Lord, only You can lead me to the higher ground.	28 Synodical Committee meets today at Hus Encampment. Please pray for the Committee members and pastors. (See Brethren Journal) Pray that the manifest power of the Holy Spirit will control their agenda.
29 Father, we come to you with open hands. We recognize our neediness and brokenness and surrender our control to You. We reach out to receive the joy that You, our Father want to share with us.	30 Pray for our missionaries going out into the world to share the gospel. Pray for any missionaries you know. Pray about unreached people who may be living in your community. Be open to what God reveals.	31 It is every Christian's privilege and responsibility to be involved in the ministry of their church. Pray about how you are a minister of Christ. (2 Cor.4:1): about being a participator, not a spectator.	PRAYER FOCUS <i>Pray for rain.</i> <i>Pray for deliverance of our national economy, for deliverance from our enemies and revival in the church.</i>	<i>Thank God for His goodness to us.</i> <i>Continue to sow & serve, don't worry, be joyful in your salvation.</i> <i>Share your faith!</i> <i>(from Elijahist-Mahesh Chavda)</i>	<i>View or download this calendar on the Unity website:</i> unityofthebrethren.org <i>Click on "calendar" and then "DPC".</i> <i>Subscribe at:</i> 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