

## **Fayetteville Brethren Church News**

**July, 2009**

*God is our refuge and strength!*

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### **Upcoming Events:**

**July 5 – (Sun)**    John Hus Sunday; Holy Communion  
**July 9-11 (Th - Sat)**    63<sup>rd</sup> Unity of the Brethren Convention – Temple Brethren Church  
**Aug 16 (Sun)**    Christian Sister's meeting after church  
**Aug 22 (Sat)**    Salad luncheon to benefit Hospice Brazos Valley (La Grange office)  
**Oct 9-11**    Primetimer's Retreat at the Hus Encampment

### **Pastor's Corner:**

*“You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.” (Galatians 5:13, NIV)*

Two important events are remembered by us during the first few days of July. There's, of course, Independence Day on the fourth, but there's also John Hus Sunday – this year, on the 5<sup>th</sup>. And, there's a common purpose in both of those celebrations.

On the 4<sup>th</sup>, we remember the greatest of all events in our nation's history: our Declaration of Independence: the United States of America was declared free from all foreign control and domination. Our nation, from that day on, has been free to choose its own leadership, to express ourselves as we wish, to make our own decisions, and to defend ourselves from those who would try to remove this freedom from us.

On the 5<sup>th</sup>, we will remember the father of the Unity of the Brethren, John Hus, and the fact that he was martyred for speaking in behalf of what, he felt, were a Christian's duty to be accountable only to the God of our Salvation in Jesus Christ. In his day, the Church had become very controlling in the affairs of government....even to the point of naming the public officials who governed. Hus, who had faithfully served the Church as a priest, felt this was improper, expressed his feelings in a writing titled "On Simony". He was led to trial in Constance, Switzerland, condemned as a heretic, and burned on July 6, 1415.

So one can see the common tie between our nation's Declaration of Independence and the expressed Christian beliefs of John Hus. There is, as one can see, a relationship between these desired freedoms. In the United States, we are free to choose many things: where we live, what our occupation will be, where we want to travel, what we want to express insofar as our opinions are concerned.

In the Church we also have freedoms: how we worship, who we marry, how we deal with failures and problems and worries, and of course, our own particular beliefs about what to do in certain situations that are not specifically addressed in the Bible.

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But in the writing of Paul in the Scripture verse above, he reminds the early Christians...and us...that we should not use our freedom to indulge in things that are against God's Will and Purpose for life. Of course, even here, there will be a variety of opinions about those things...even what they really are. But here, the concluding phrase of this verse takes care of any of those opinions: **"serve one another in love."**

There is, of course, just too much self-serving that goes on in our free country...and that should be attended to as soon as possible. But in regard to our faith, we, as followers of Jesus Christ, should brand that above phrase on our minds and hearts when it comes to decisions regarding our personal behavior and our relationships with fellow human beings.

....Congratulations to *Leland Miller*, who was named "Distinguished Alumnus" and received into the Hall of Honor at Columbus High School, on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

***Rev. Maly***

**Prayer Concerns:**

Jerry and Ginger Marshall's son in Florida

The family of Kyle Divin

Thanksgiving for the quick recoveries of Gary Dorsett and Joe Ripple

Bill Edwards

Mary Dorsett

The upcoming Unity Convention

Jill Miller – missions work this summer

Char Wright

Dale Heaton

Nadine Burton

Edith Rek

Jerry Dove's Mom

Pastor Kay Polasek

Chris Stepan

Joyce Schiller

Mary Pasenhofer, Jean Maly's Mom

Barbara Roesler

Delwin and Nona McLean

Pauline Ott's grandmother

Chris Matthews

Brenda Hammond

Sonny and B.J. Billings (brother in law and sister to Ginger Marshall)

Carol Dole

Prayer for rain

For our travelers

Jerry Dove's brother Raymond

Betty Favor (sister to Lee Roy Cervenka)

For our high school student: Blaise McKenzie

For our college students: Lauren Cox, Julia Thomas, and Patrick Thomas

Estelle Vasut (mother of Ed Vasut)

Charles and Millie Schiller, Anita Coufal, Delores Coufal, Elenora Coufal  
and Crystal and Dale Taska of the Industry Brethren Church

Dr. Hal R. Moore IV (friend of the Kubena's – returning to serve in the Air Force)

The Thiessens (our missionary family in Mexico)

Tim and Jennifer Hall

The McLauflin family

For Gregory Maly and our military personnel serving in Iraq and other places

Tamara and Cynthia – Crystal Thomas' sisters

Elroy Geisler (brother to Doris Cervenka)

The persecuted church

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### July Birthdays

11 - Barbara Roesler      17 – Lauren Cox      21 – Burdine Divin  
24 - Lori Marshall      29 – Martha Dove

### Flowers, Communion Set-up:

For July: Martha and Jerry Dove - thank you!

Holy Communion will be observed on John Hus Sunday, July 5th.

### Church News:

- 1) **Our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Church Celebration was held on June 28:** Thanks to everyone for their super support and help at our fund raiser for the church building fund! It was good to see old friends and make some new ones. A total of 512 plates were served. The live auction had 92 items in it and brought in \$5,850.00. There were 3 items in the auction designated for the Christian Sisters fund that totaled \$620.00. A detailed profit report will be in the August newsletter. The happy Czech music provided by the Kovanda's Czech band was also enjoyed. "Thank you" to everyone who helped in any way – we appreciate all the support!!
  
- 2) **63<sup>rd</sup> Convention of the Unity of the Brethren:** The Pastor and Congregation of the Temple Brethren Church proudly invite us to the 63<sup>rd</sup> Convention, July 9-11. Registration and check-in begins July 9 at 4:30. Meals (catered) will be available at \$9.00 per plate. There will be a light complimentary breakfast Friday and Saturday.  
  
At this year's Convention, we will celebrate the Bible as our "Guide for Life". Let us all bring our Bibles and be proud that we are able to have such a privilege to read and study this Holy Word in freedom and safety. If anyone would like to join the Choir for Friday evening, please contact Valeria Pittman 254-778-8759. Jerry Dove will be our representative at the convention. For a listing of lodging, please contact Liz Ripple.
  
- 3) **Adult Sunday School class** – Please visit us in the Sunday School Class at 9:30 AM on Sunday mornings. Scott Marshall is our teacher. Recently, Ann Heintschel and Ed Vasut have been guest instructors.
  
- 4) **Sunday School for young people:** Martha Dove is leading this class each Sunday morning. Please bring your children, grandchildren and neighbors to this class to learn about the Lord!
  
- 5) **On Short-term Missions:** Please remember in your prayers Jill Miller, who is doing short-term missions work in southern Uganda (Africa) this summer ministering to women who are bearing children (pre-natal and post-natal care) and using that opportunity to share the Gospel.

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- 6) **The Christian Sisters' Society**: The Christian Sisters' did not meet in June. A salad luncheon will be held at the fellowship hall on August 22 to benefit the Brazos valley Hospice in La Grange. Tickets are available for \$6 – contact Pauline Ott for more information. Please sign up to bring a salad to this event – see the sign up list in the narthex or contact Pauline. The next meeting will be on Sunday, August 16 after the worship service. If you would like to join the Christian Sisters' Society, please contact Blaise McKinzie or Liz Ripple. Dues are \$20. You do not have to be a member of the church to join.
  
- 7) **Military Personnel Supplies**: Please remember our servicemen and women who are serving in Iraq and other places, away from their homes and families. Martha and Jerry Dove and Pauline Ott are still collecting items to send to our servicemen and women overseas. Please put your donations in the box by the narthex.
  
- 8) **Memorials received** – Memorials were made to the building fund last month in memory of Kyle Divin. 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.
  
- 9) **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 \$5.00 for shipping and handling to FBC, P.O. Box 11, Fayetteville, Texas 78940. Note: – you may also go online to the church website and place your order.
  
- 10) **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. Note: You may also go online to the church website and place your order.
  
- 11) **August Newsletter deadline**: Articles are due on or before **July 25th**, please

**Closing Thoughts: All I Ever Need to Know I learned from Noah**

- 1) Follow the Lord's commands
- 2) Build on the high ground.
- 3) Don't ground miss the boat.
- 4) Plan ahead. It was not raining when Noah built the boat.
- 5) Don't listen to critics. Just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- 6) For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
- 7) Stay fit. When you are 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something big!
- 8) When you're stressed, float a while.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>View or download this calendar on the Unity website: <a href="http://unityofthebrethren.org">unityofthebrethren.org</a> Click on "calendar" and then "DPC". Subscribe at: <a href="mailto:dailypraycal@hotmail.com">dailypraycal@hotmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>PRAYER FOCUS</b> <i>Renewal if the theme for the church convention. Pray for Renewal.</i> <i>Pray for renewal of our minds. →</i></p>	<p><i>Pray that your church will embrace its challenge and move to act on it. Pray the Holy Spirit renews our minds and belief in Christ.</i></p>	<p><b>1</b> Lord, You have so much in store for us. We know that you have so much in store for Your Church. You will make it known to us at the right time. Prepare us now to hear, and to receive Your blessings.</p>	<p><b>2</b> Many people in the Unity sense it is time for "Renewal". It's time to listen and to hear and to begin those tasks, projects and purposes God has ordained for us. Lord, give us eyes to see what renewal will look like.</p>	<p><b>3</b> Pray every day for the delegates and officials who will make up the Unity Convention body next week. Pray that they will not resist the direction of the Holy Spirit who indwells each of them.</p>	<p><b>4</b> No more waiting, procrastinating and putting off. It is time for the Unity to identify and retire those ways which have diminished us to our present state. Let us seek new ways, renewal all for the glory of our God.</p>
<p><b>5</b> Before worship today, ask your pastor to lead your congregation in prayer for the convention which begins this Thursday. Pray for renewal of individuals and churches all for the glory of God.</p>	<p><b>6</b> On this day in 1415, Mr. Jan Hus was burned at the stake for refusing to recant beliefs we cherish in our Unity today. Pray that his sacrifice might inspire each of us to renew our minds and to hold to God's Word.</p>	<p><b>7</b> Jesus! Jesus! Ignite within us the sheer joy of expectation of what You are going to do through us. Awake O' sleeper and arise from the dead and Christ shall shine upon you and give light. Christ, Your glorious church!</p>	<p><b>8</b> Lord Jesus, what is it You desire for Your church. Is it a great awakening? Yes Lord! Let us arise with new revelation...new hope. Heal us of apathy. Create within our body the aroma of Your fragrance.</p>	<p><b>9</b> Pray for the power of the spiritual weapon of praise as the convention opens today. May worship and passion equip the Unity leaders with strength as they seek the path of renewal for our people and churches.</p>	<p><b>10</b> Dear Father, may Your will be done. May the delegates be filled to overflowing to powerfully accomplish Your will. May new levels of Your presence be experienced by many who give You time and opportunity.</p>	<p><b>11</b> Convention concludes. May there be a sense of expectation as each delegate departs for home. May each leave with clear vision and strategy for renewal in their congregation. Glory to God in the highest!</p>
<p><b>12</b> Father God, we enter Your gates with thanksgiving and enter Your courts with praise. As we worship, we want to be sensitive to the anointing of Your presence. Holy, connected</p>	<p><b>13</b> Lord God, prepare us to cross new lines into enemy territory. Use us to free people captive to addictions, pornography, the occult and cults, empty religion, depression fears and poverty.</p>	<p><b>14</b> Dear Jesus, teach me step by step how to get my house in order. Lead me in checking the foundation for my life so that it is firmly supported by scripture, love and unity. Let my light shine!</p>	<p><b>15</b> Lord Jesus, I have allowed corruption to seep into my mind. Help me renew it. Cleanse my tongue and my lips that I may speak with Your power. Overshadow my doubt with holy faith.</p>	<p><b>16</b> Lord, sometimes, there is so much confusion. Which is the right way to go...the right decision. Assure me once again that You will lead me. Here is my hand...my heart.</p>	<p><b>17</b> There are always those among us who are grieving losses. If we are the body of Christ, let us do what he would have done and reach out to those grieving...show them our love &amp; concern.</p>	<p><b>18</b> Lord Jesus, encourage prayer intercessors to continue to pray for children, grandchildren, children in the church and community, lost husbands wives and relatives.</p>
<p><b>19</b> Lord God, we accept Your call to intimacy in Your glory. Give us a spirit of thanksgiving, blessing and encouragement. We seek healing and the wisdom of Your Spirit.</p>	<p><b>20</b> Father, we pray that as evil increases, You will increase the power and presence of Your church. Open doors and prepare the hearts of the deceived to hear and receive the Gospel.</p>	<p><b>21</b> There is someone who has lost faith...who is teetering on the edge of hopelessness. We pray you will subdue your pride and share your feelings with someone. Please know Jesus loves you!</p>	<p><b>22</b> Father, I am not skilled to understand. I only know that at my right hand, is one who is my saviour. Lord Jesus, there is much I don't understand. In blind faith, I fully trust You.</p>	<p><b>23</b> For that someone who is facing a crisis; family, job, relationship, health. The enemy seeks to wear down your mind and strength and separate you from your only source of hope. Jesus!</p>	<p><b>24</b> Lord Jesus, forgive us for allowing our educational systems to implant a secular worldview in our youth. So many have been deceived, only You can bring them back.</p>	<p><b>25</b> Summer BYF Retreat starts today. Lord Jesus, we pray for your constant presence in the lives of our young people. Put mentors in their paths. Lead them away from temptation.</p>
<p><b>26</b> Lord, help us to become a people who know the ways of Your Spirit and understand Your Word. Remove the boundaries that keep us from growth and the fullness of life You intend for us to have.</p>	<p><b>27</b> Lord, we pray our passion for Your Word might burn as hot at the July sun. Lead us to embrace the scriptures on a passionate level. To hunger for knowledge of the word with expectation for the impossible.</p>	<p><b>28</b> Lord, we pray for those major churches led astray by their leadership. Give us minds of discernment that we will not be deceived. Gift us with understanding to hold to the truth of Your Holy Word.</p>	<p><b>29</b> Lord, we know in faith that Your presence has caused a spirit of victory to prevail at our Unity convention. We praise you for empowering us to keep Satan from sowing disunity.</p>	<p><b>30</b> May the knowledge of the truth of God's Word be our strength. Pray for a passion to study the Bible. Pray for spirit led people to lead Bible studies in our Unity. Become prepared for whatever you face.</p>	<p><b>31</b> Lord, today we intercede in prayer for those in our cities, communities who have lost hope. Lord, show us how we can touch their lives in some tangible way in addition to praying for them.</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: <a href="mailto:dailypraycal@hotmail.com">dailypraycal@hotmail.com</a></p>