



Fayetteville Brethren Church
NOVEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER



- Nov 8** – Veteran’s Tribute
Nov 15 – Christian Sisters meeting after worship service
Nov 15 – Nelsonville Brethren Church Chicken Stew
Nov 22 – Thanksgiving Service; Holy Communion
Nov 24 (Tues) – Community Thanksgiving Service with meal (place to be announced) – 6 PM
Nov 29 – Chili lunch (made by Margaret), Greening of the church
Dec 12 (Sat.) – Progressive Dinner – Heavy appetizers & Desserts
Dec 19 (Sat.) – Industry Brethren Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 6 PM
Dec 20 (Sun.) – Christmas Service; Holy Communion
Dec 24 (Thurs.) – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 6:00 PM
Feb 6, 2010 (Sat.) – Joint 4-church fellowship at Wesley Brethren Church – *(Watch for details!)*

Flowers, Communion Set-up: Liz & Joe Ripple.

Pastor Appreciation – We observed Pastor Appreciation day on Sunday, Oct 4. Rev Milton Maly was presented with an appreciation award for his 23 years of dedicated and faithful service to the Fayetteville Brethren Church and Industry Brethren Church. Also celebrated was his 40 years of service as Minister in the Unity of the Brethren.

Rev Maly graduated from UT at Austin with a B.A. in Math. He then attended the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and the Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, completing work for his Master of Divinity degree at the Austin seminary. He was ordained on June 5, 1969 at his home congregation, the Taylor Brethren Church. He has served at the Rosenberg, Alief, Seaton, Buckholts and Wesley Brethren Churches. In 1980, after participating in a work crew to Ahuas, Honduras, he applied for and was accepted to work in the position of clinic administrator at the Clinical Evangelical Moravia located in that village. He and his wife Jean worked at that facility and were involved in various other efforts of the Moravian Church in Honduras for 6 years. He is presently serving the Industry and Fayetteville Brethren Churches. In addition, he has held the position of BRETHREN JOURNAL editor since the fall of 1986. Rev. Maly’s hobbies include woodworking, writing, jogging for exercise and gardening. He also enjoys traveling and camping with his wife and family. They Maly’s have 6 boys, 2 girls and 3 grand-children.

November is Missionary Emphasis Month: Christ commissioned His followers to go out and tell all nations the good News of the Gospel. You have a part in this work! A challenge is being issued to strive for an annual goal per member for the Unity Missions. Congregations that can do so are asked to try for \$50 per member. You may designate “Foreign Missions” or “Home Missions” on your check; checks marked “missions” will be split 50/50. The Board of Elders encourages all members to give as much as they can to support the denomination’s missionary efforts.

Honoring Our Veterans: Please take the time this month to thank all of the veterans you know for their service to our country and for your freedom. On Sunday, November 8, we will pay

tribute to these special people during our worship service. Please keep them and our active duty military personnel in your prayers.

The military flags that are displayed on the alter were donated by Pauline and David Ott in honor of all the men and women who have served and are serving in the military forces. The flags represent all 5 branches of the service: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and the U. S. Coast Guard and one flag is for the POWs and MIA. The base for the flag stand was built and donated by Jerry Dove. Thank you – Pauline, David & Jerry - for honoring our military men and women!

Community Thanksgiving Service will be on Tuesday, Nov 24 at 6 PM; place to be announced later this month.

Memorials received – Memorials were made to the building fund last month in memory of Bettie Favor. 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.

Progressive Christmas Dinner: The date for our 6th annual Progressive Christmas Dinner is Saturday, December 12. At the home of Sandra & Ray Stepan from 5:00 to 6:45 we will have heavy appetizers and Hors d'oeuvre's; we still need a volunteer to host desserts from 7:00 to 8:30 – see Ginger Marshall. Mark your calendar as you will not want to miss the fun and food! Please see the sign up poster for food and to indicate your attendance.

The Christian Sisters' Society: The Christian Sister's are collecting items for their raffle in March - the deadline for items is Nov 15; contact Liz Ripple. The raffle proceeds will benefit various projects, missions and charity work. The drawing will be held on March 27, 2010.

The Fifth Annual Christian Sisters' Retreat is January 30 at our church fellowship hall. Rev Linda Chandler will be the guest speaker.

A box has been set up in the foyer to collect food donations for the AMEN food pantry. Items are also being collected for Operation Christmas Child. The next meeting will be Nov 15; there will not be a meeting in December. **Dues are \$20 and are payable now for 2010** to Blaise McKinzie. You do not have to be a member of the church to join.

Operation Christmas Child – The Christian Sisters are collecting items to fill shoe boxes for this project. “Every single gift box is treated as a Gospel opportunity. The most important part of packing a shoe box is your prayers for the child who will receive it. Ask God to use your gift to reveal His love in a special way and draw the child to a saving faith in Jesus Christ. Please look over the poster in the foyer and donate what you can for this rewarding project. Thank you, and may God richly bless you in the upcoming holiday season. Sincerely, Franklin Graham”

Board of Elders' Report: The Elders had a joint meeting with the Elders from Nelsonville, Wesley and Industry on Sept 16 at the IBC. The purpose was to share what each congregation is doing over the final 3 months of the year and how we can help and support each other. Another joint fellowship with the 4 churches is being planned for Saturday, February 6, 2010 with Wesley Brethren hosting. At their Oct meeting, the Elders voted to once again give Brethren Journal subscriptions to all active members. As always, if you have any comments or concerns please let the Elders know.

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. Thank you to Raina & Rick for volunteering their time to this project.

Joyful Noise Choral Retreat – The 4th Annual denomination-wide choral retreat is scheduled for January 8-10, 2010 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. The adult clinician is Daniel Farris and the youth clinician is Amanda Hughes. Workshops, rehearsal times, fellowship time, and a concert will be the highlights of the weekend. All people ages 8-200 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
1 Lord God, we come to praise You! First, we confess our sins. Wash us in the blood of Your Holy Son, Jesus Christ. Dear God, hear our praise and worship. We declare our love for You.	2 Dear Father, be with us today. Guard us and distract us from all of the temptations that will likely confront us today. We pray for strength that our actions may bring You glory.	3 Pray: Lord, stir the compassion in my heart; for those who are seriously ill and perhaps face the end of their physical life. May they clearly know You give them victory over all.	4 May I clearly be aware of the knowledge and presence of Your Holy Spirit, dear Father. Be our strength, our courage and hope. Give us peace, joy & assurance You are active in the world.	5 No other gods today in my life. You are our God! We worship You only. Help us to purge from our hearts any other gods. Father, you are supreme in my life and I worship only You.	6 Pray: Lord God, help me to deal with any idols in my life. Help me to identify the idols that may separate me from You. Help me make my goal in life to serve You, Dear God.	7 God has many good gifts He wants to give us. They are not always the things we want. Pray for discernment. Pray for the good gift of the Holy Spirit to guide you in all that you do.
8 Dear Father, forgive us when we do not keep the Sabbath holy; when we engage in unnecessary activity that gets in the way of worshipping and serving You. We praise and worship You, Lord.	9 Dear Father, in our moments of vanity, we misuse Your holy name. Father, You are holy and we should only use Your name in reverence; never jokingly, angrily or irreverently.	10 The family is a unit God instituted to bring up and nurture children in such a way that they know God. Honor your parents, God commands. Pray for parents, children and Godly families.	11 Examine yourself, your life and ask God to reveal all impurity. Confess that which is impure and seek to live a life of purity. Father, give our hearts a bath and make us clean and pure.	12 Lord, it is my desire to stand in your glory. I do want to plant my feet on the solid rock who is Jesus. Then I will know that I have all the foundation I need to stand on earth and in heaven. No more worry!	13 Lord, You have commanded us to not kill. Although many of us will never come near taking a life, we may cause great injury thru our actions or omission. Help us do the right thing always.	14 Lord, You are the answer for the confusion of so many people. Their doubts will disappear when they open their eyes and fix them upon You. Lord, You will your people to overflowing. You satisfy our needs.
15 We confess our wrongs. Dear Father, forgive us when we have chosen evil over good; when we have been indifferent, cruel, selfish and unkind to others. Teach to love even as Christ loved.	16 Pray for a fresh vision of God enthroned over any challenge life may throw at you. Read Ps. 29: 10-11: "The Lord sits enthroned...as King forever...gives strength...blesses his people with peace."	17 Lord, help us discern the needs of people we disciple. Lord, alert us when we begin making plans without seeking Your direction first, about what You want to accomplish in a person's life.	18 Father there are many ways we break Your command to not bear false witness (to not lie). Give us the power to always only speak the truth; to stop gossip and deceit; to build up and not tear down.	19 Lord, You command us not to steal. May we open ourselves to an awareness of the many ways we can steal other than just outright taking something that doesn't belong to us.	20 Father, may we have the wisdom to be strengthened by our traditions without being slaves to our traditions. May our desire to praise and worship You be a prime force in our lives.	21 Father, You command us to not covet. May we be truly satisfied and at peace with what we have and not be driven to make possessions and things our gods. May our lives reflect Your values.
22 Pray: Father, lead me on a path where You will reveal Yourself to me in some new way. Help me to make sense out of those things I do not understand. Help me to see new things as I read the Bible and worship.	23 Pray: Dear God, thank You for reaching out to me with hope. Thank You for sending Jesus to rescue me. Thank You for showing me what You are like by sending Jesus to display Your love.	24 Lord, we pray for those people whose minds are flooded with worry. Family and others are looking to them and they have no answers. Lord, when they cast their cares upon You, hear they. Fill them with Your promises	25 There are some reading this who are being annointed by God for something he desires to send them into. You will know if it is you. Let us all pray that those who are being called do not deny their call.	26 Thanksgiving Day! We pause to forget our troubles and focus on counting our blessings. We know how little we deserve them and where they come from. Guide us that we may learn to be thankful every day.	27 If you feel distant from God and don't feel His power in your life, begin reading the Bible starting with the book of John. Pray that God will reaveal Himself to you thru this book and the entire Bible.	28 Pray: Lord, make me holy; striving to not only live the life of faith in Him and draw from Him daily peace and strength, but also to labor to be conformed to Him. (Read Romans 8: 29)
29 The main purpose of prayer is not to inform God of all of our needs, but to invite Him to rule over our lives. Invite God to rule over your life and to use it to accomplish His purpose; for His Glory.	30 Pray: Dear God, I pray for a passion to grow in my love for Jesus, the Son of God. Give me a passion to build His kingdom in our world. Clearly show me what I can and need to do today.	PRAYER FOCUS Pray the words of the song, "Above All" by Lenny Leblanc & Paul Baloche: "Above all powers above all kings, above all nature and all created things →"	<i>Above all wisdom and all the ways of man, You were here before the world began/Like a rose trampled on the ground, you took the fall and thought of me, above all" →</i>	<i>Pray for the thrill of serving God, simply for the pleasure of Him, our creator. Praise and worship for the pleasure of Almighty God, our creator.</i>	<i>View/download from the Unity website: unityofthebrethren.org Click on "calendar" and then "DPC". Subscribe at: dailypraycal@hot.rr.com</i>	THE DPC 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