

Fayetteville Brethren Church News

August, 2007

God is our refuge and strength!

Pastor: Rev. Milton Maly Sunday Worship Service 10:30 AM 1022 Kramr Rd. at Ross Prairie Church Rd.
Phone: 979-872-8762 Sunday School: 9:30 AM Mailing address: P.O. Box 11
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Upcoming Events:

Aug. 5 & 19 (Sun.)	Faith Sharing, 7:00 PM
Aug. 10 & 24 (Fri)	Prayer & Praise, 7:00 PM
Aug. 12 (Sun.)	End of Summer, Holy Communion
Aug. 19 (Sun.)	Fellowship lunch, Christian Sisters' mtg. after the lunch

Pastor's Corner:

It is easy to get the feeling that, seeing all of the evil in our world, God must be getting angrier and angrier....maybe even to the point of giving up on mankind and bringing it all to an end. I can understand that feeling, but I also realize that many generations of Christians in the past, in many parts of the world, have at times felt the same way.

We continue to believe in a loving and understanding God, so let us never forget the positive answers that we find in His Word to our own personal fears and disappointments. My father-in-law sent the following list of promises we find in the Scripture that can help us with various of troubled feelings. I share this list with you:

God Has a Positive Answer...

<u>YOU SAY</u>	<u>GOD SAYS</u>	<u>BIBLE VERSES</u>
You say: "It's impossible"	God says: All things are possible	(Luke 18:27)
You say: "I'm too tired"	God says: I will give you rest	(Matthew 11:28-30)
You say: "Nobody really loves me"	God says: I love you	(John 3:1 6 & John 3:34)
You say: "I can't go on"	God says: My grace is sufficient	(II Corinthians 12:9 & Psalm 91:15)
You say: "I can't figure things out"	God says: I will direct your steps	(Proverbs 3:5- 6)
You say: "I can't do it"	God says: You can do all things	(Philippians 4:13)
You say: "I'm not able"	God says: I am able	(II Corinthians 9:8)
You say: "It's not worth it"	God says: It will be worth it	(Roman 8:28)
You say: "I can't forgive myself"	God says: I Forgive you	(I John 1:9 & Romans 8:1)
You say: "I can't manage"	God says: I will supply all your needs	(Philippians 4:19)
You say: "I'm afraid"	God says: I have not given you a spirit of fear	(II Timothy 1:7)
You say: "I'm always worried and frustrated"	God says: Cast all your cares on ME	(I Peter 5:7)
You say: "I'm not smart enough"	God says: I give you wisdom	(I Corinthians 1:30)
You say: "I feel all alone"	God says: I will never leave you or forsake you	(Hebrews 13:5)

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Prayer Concerns:

Mary Dorsett
Barbara Roesler
Bill Edwards
Dottie (friend of Nancy Vasut)
Lois Gettler – (Noel Thomas' mother)
John Cook – (Liz Ripple's cousin)
Students and teachers returning to school this month.
Brenda Hammond (daughter of Pauline and David Ott)
Estelle Vasut (mother of Ed Vasut)
Rose Lundeen – daughter of Doris and Laddie Ripple
Charles and Millie Schiller, Anita Coufal, Delores Coufal and Edgar Dudensing of
Industry Brethren Church
Ed and Edna Krivacka and their son Mark and family (neighbor to Edith Rek)
The Thiessens (our missionary family in Mexico) and Jill Miller
For our military personnel serving in Iraq and other places
Ginger Marshall's sister and brother-in-law
Tamara and Cynthia – Crystal Thomas' sisters
Mrs. Waldine Oncken – daughter of Henry and Sabina Elsik
Elroy Geisler (brother to Doris Cervenka)
Betty Favor (sister to Lee Roy Cervenka)
Joe Hayek and Evelyn Koehl
Matthew Boer and family (friends of the Malys)
The persecuted church
Gregory Maly (serving in the Air Force overseas)
John Ragsdale and his sons
For individuals who are overcoming alcoholism and maintaining sobriety

August Birthdays

5 – Pauline Ott 6 – Sandra Stepan 7 – Jerry Dove 22 – Margaret Michalsky
23 – Casey Marshall

Flowers, Communion Set-up:

For August -- Lori and Scott Marshall -- thank you!
Holy Communion will be observed on Sunday, August 19th.
Volunteers are needed for the month of October. Please see the sign-up sheet in the
entryway.

Church News:

- 1) **Lunch in August and September:** . We will have a pot luck fellowship lunch on
Sunday, August 19th and on September 23rd. On Sunday, August 26th, we are invited
St. Mary's church celebration in Ellinger.
- 2) **Sunday Morning Adult Study on Hebrews** is being led by Mike and Elaine Kelly.
Please come and grow in faith as we study God's world.

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- 3) **Sunday School for young people:** Martha Dove and Louise Walker are leading this class each Sunday morning and invite all young people in the congregation to attend. Please bring your children, grandchildren and neighbors to this class led by these two special teachers!
- 4) **Faith Sharing: Sunday, August 5th and 19th at 7:00 PM at church.** Please come and be encouraged as members give testimony to Jesus' presence in their lives.
- 5) **Men's Prayer Breakfast:** Meets each Monday at 6:45 AM at the church. Please contact Jerry Marshall or Ed Vasut if you have questions.
- 6) **Prayer and Praise Service: Friday, August 10th and 24th at 7:00 PM at church.** Please come ready to sing your favorite songs as we sing praises to our wonderful Lord! We have time of singing each person's favorite hymn followed by a brief time of prayer.
- 7) **Financial report from 9th Annual Church Celebration:** The profit made from the church celebration totaled a little over \$10,500.00. This has helped our building fund tremendously. We are now looking forward to next year and our 10th Annual Church Celebration on June 22, 2008.
- 8) **Renting Fellowship Hall** – The following rates will apply for renting the fellowship hall: Funeral lunch – members, no charge; non-members, \$100.00. Weddings, reunions, parties, etc. \$100.00 for five hours, then \$10.00 each additional hour. To rent the small dining area, \$25.00 an hour. To rent the hall, please contact Liz or Joe Ripple.
- 9) **Board of Elders Report:** The Board of Elders met July 25. Items discussed were the parking lot project – Prause should finish next week, putting in a ramp and rails on the porch of the fellowship hall, the results of the church celebration, the church directory, landscaping around the fellowship hall, a dedication ceremony for the fellowship hall will be held on October 13 (more details will be in the Sept newsletter). The next meeting will be Wed, August 22 at 7 PM at the church. Donations are always accepted to help fund future building projects. If you would like to make a donation, please make your check payable to "Fayetteville Brethren Building Fund."
- 10) **Please remember our military personnel:** We averaging one box per month set to our military. Some items needed are: Visine eye drops, beef jerky, hand sanitizer, candy of Any kind except chocolate, instant drink mixes, Gatorade, foot powder, sinus medicine, mini-Bibles, lip balm, LETTERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT. A full list will be in the narthex. Call Martha or Jerry Dove if you would like for us to pick up items. THANKS SO MUCH FOR ALL WHO HAVE DONATED ITEMS.

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- 11) **The Christian Sisters' Society: The Christian Sisters' Society:** The Christian Sisters' met Sunday, July 22 after the worship service with 11 members present. Items discussed were the results from the silent auction and quilt show, the progressive dinner and the retreat in February. The meeting ended with a drawing for door prizes. The next meeting will be Aug 19 after the noon potluck meal at the church. If you would like to join the Christian Sisters' Society, please contact Beverly Mikeska or Liz Ripple. Dues are \$20. You do not have to be a member of the church to join.
- 12) **Sign for church:** The Board of Elders is making plans to get a new church sign for the Corner of Kramr Rd/Ross Prairie Church Rd. They would like your input about what kind of sign to put up. The Board invites anyone with an idea for a church sign to please submit it. A few examples of church signs are on a poster in the church foyer. If you have seen a sign that you like, please take a picture of it and give it to Joe Ripple or any other board member.
- 13) **Commemorative Church Plate:** We now have available a commemorative plate with a picture of the church from the 1890's on the front along with a brief history and a list of the pastors who have served. It is a 9" plate with a 24K gold rim. We are selling them for a \$25 donation. They would make excellent gifts or birthday presents and come in individual gift boxes – 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, TX 78940
- 14) **Fellowship Hall Reminders:** Anytime the fellowship hall is used (fellowship lunch, church functions, etc.) volunteers are appreciated to help clean it before everyone leaves (take out all the garbage, reline garbage cans, clean kitchen, wipe tables, sweep, leave hall as it was found). Other things that need to be done whenever the church or hall is used: shut off the A/C (or heat), clean and unplug the coffee pot if it was used, remove trash and replace trash bags, cut off all lights, lock all church doors -- both top and bottom locks, shut off water in the pump house – making sure all switches are cut off, and lock the building. Thank you for your help in the efficient operation of our building.
- 15) **Church Sesquicentennial Cookbook:** These cookbooks make ideal gifts and contain many special recipes. If you would like to order a cookbook, please let Liz Ripple know how many you would like. We are selling them for a \$20.00 donation of which all proceeds go to the building fund. If you would like to have one mailed to you, send \$20.00 plus \$2.00 for shipping and handling to FBC, P.O. Box 11, Fayetteville, TX 78940
- 16) **Memorials received** – Memorials were made to the building fund last month in memory of Anna, Arque and Ello Elsik, Jan Hus, Henry & Amalia Syptak, Rosalie Franta, Anna Syptak, Joseph Syptak and William Walden. 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.

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- 17) **September Newsletter deadline:** Articles are due **no later than August 25th**, please.

Closing Thoughts:

Happy Marriage Pattern

Material Required

Christ as the head of your home,
Love, patience and understanding,
Humor, faithfulness and touch of wit.

Notions Needed

Wisdom of Solomon, patience of Job,
A thread of humor and a zipper for your lip.

Proper Measurements

Is your understanding wide enough?
Your patience long enough?
Your love? We know it's deep enough.

Planning the Layout

Don't worry about who is head of the
household. Pin your hopes on cooperation.

Seam Allowance

Give a little. Losing the battle can win
love as well as wars.

Cutting Instructions

Cutting words can ruin this pattern.

Ruffling

Ruffling feathers, as well as "ruffled ones",
are definitely not called for.

Finishing

Encouragement, trust, prayer and laughter
will get you far in sewing up a happy marriage.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>View or download this calendar on the Unity website: unityofthebrethren.org Click on "calendar" and then "DPC". Subscribe at: dailypraycal@hotmail.com</p>	<p>PRAYER FOCUS</p> <p>Pray that all Brethren churches grow as places of praise, power and desire to exalt our Lord, Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>Pray that all Brethren become people excited about Jesus. Pray your church grows as a giving, doing and planting church.</p>	<p>1 Father, we pray for an outpouring of Your Spirit upon our youth and children in our churches and other churches in our communities. We pray for ministries to equip and disciple new believers among our youth.</p>	<p>2 Father, many people in our communities are hungry for something better than what they know now. They hunger for spiritual food. Father, raise up people among us with a passion to feed the spiritual hungry masses.</p>	<p>3 Father, we pray that you would speak to the pastor or someone in authority for each Brethren congregation to set a day and time for all who God has called to be prayer intercessors to come together & pray.</p>	<p>4 Lord Jesus, the screams of aborted babies never cease, day & night. Our sinful culture is worse than the old testament pagans sacrificing children to false gods. Wake us that we may see the reality.</p>
<p>5 Father, impart a deep and affectionate passion to the people of Your church. We are the bride of Christ and we pray that You will prepare our hearts and minds for this great promise.</p>	<p>6 Dear Father, our missionaries such as Jill Miller, the Griggs, Theissens, Braggs and Woos need encouragement and prayers of intercession. Raise up prayer warriors.</p>	<p>7 Father God, there are so many men in our Unity whose ministry and leadership is compromised by the grip of pornography. Raise up someone to create a ministry to help free them</p>	<p>8 Father, call people in every Brethren church who will create ministries that will provide groups of accountability for those in some kind of bondage who need to free themselves.</p>	<p>9 The enemy has sown a false belief in the minds of many in the church that healing miracles no longer take place. Lord, let us reclaim the truth that You do heal & perform miracles among faithful.</p>	<p>10 Father, like Jacob, I tend to wrestle against You, fight against what You want seeking the blessing I want. Help me to align with Your will and then I know You will bless me.</p>	<p>11 Father, I thank You that I live and breathe Your air. I thank You for a place to live, for food to sustain my body, people to love. I thank you for transforming me into Your image in Jesus.</p>
<p>12 Lord, increase our hunger to worship You today. King of Kings! Lord of Lords! Grow our passion that we may sing a new song unto you. Worship You with unreserved passion.</p>	<p>13 Lord, may all that I do today in some way declare the kingship of our Lord Jesus. Break any spirit of intimidation that keeps me from being an effective witness for my Lord, Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>14 The best original definition of the church is "outcalled ones." Lord, indwell us that we may truly live up to that definition...to stand out from the pagans around us and be Your people.</p>	<p>15 Father God, forgive us for it is our own apathy, our unbelief that keeps us from grasping the potential offered in Your Son, Jesus Christ. Salt us with passion, faith and Your light.</p>	<p>16 Arise, oh church, and become the instrument of transformation and light God intended you to be. Awaken us sitting comfortable & amused, TV remote in hand.</p>	<p>17 Father, wash over unto me some of Your wisdom today to handle whatever comes my way. Let me taste the joy of dwelling in Your presence. New passion immersed in Your love!</p>	<p>18 Lord, begin to prepare us now for praise and worship in church tomorrow. Open our hearts and minds. Inhabit our worship service tomorrow. We are open to Your voice.</p>
<p>19 Father God, this morning, open our eyes that we may cast aside habits and tradition that hinder our ability to worship You in spirit and in truth. May our worship and praise truly be from our hearts.</p>	<p>20 Jesus, we sense that it is time we recognize the futility of comfort and wealth. Transform us that those things that break Your heart will also break our hearts. Help us to join You in healing those broken and in pain.</p>	<p>21 Lord, You have made it known that if I acknowledge Your name before other men, You will never blot my name from the book of life. Lord, I acknowledge Your name and today will do so before others.</p>	<p>22 Father, give me knowledge, wisdom and discernment to examine what I am building with my life. Help me to invest my life only in those things that will endure and give me wisdom to discern those things.</p>	<p>23 Lord, I invite You to invade earth with the power of Your visitation, healing and deliverance. Break through whatever holds individuals and the church from achieving the inheritance and destiny You desire for us.</p>	<p>24 Yes Lord, what we have is good. Yet I hunger for more of You. Send an anointing into my life that I may know You more fully. Help me to give myself to nourish and comfort those whom You put in my path.</p>	<p>25 Lord, in my mind, I know that all things are in Your hands. Help me to remember this and not fret and worry. Help me to slow down and live displaying that I do have a sense of eternity. Thank You for this time, today.</p>
<p>26 Father, thank You for this day of rest. Let nothing rob me of it. Thank you for opportunity to bring You my worship and praise. May I be blessed in that You hear and receive my praise and worship.</p>	<p>27 Lord, You desire new wine for us; however, our wineskins have become hard and inflexible. Renew us and give us new wineskins that we may hold Your new wine. Transformation, faith, passion to serve You.</p>	<p>28 Pray about missions. Pray that God will bring to our attention an attraction for a whole new group of people even as we pray for our current faithful missionaries. Let us get ready for the new, strengthen the existing.</p>	<p>29 For anyone who has suffered a tragedy, allow that tragedy to open your eyes to God's presence. There is blessing for those who even through difficult times recognize God's power and presence. Pray to Him.</p>	<p>30 Lord, help us to surrender the totality of our being to You in order that we may then truly experience the power of Your resurrection. Give us the wisdom to die to ourselves, identify with You, and be transformed.</p>	<p>31 Father, Your church has allowed Satan to steal faith in the miracle of healing. Expose this great lie and give us faith to again see you manifest the miracles of healing among Your people. We believe in Your power.</p>	<p>THE DAILY PRAYER CALENDAR IS AVAILABLE BY MAIL OR E MAIL FOR A BULLETIN/NEWSLETTER. Daily Prayer Calendar Editor 100 Calvin Drive Temple, TX 76501 or email the following to subscribe: dailypraycal@hotmail.com</p>