

Fayetteville Brethren Church
SEPTEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER
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Sept 13 – Grandparents Day – Holy Communion

Oct 4 – Fellowship lunch – Pastor Appreciation

Oct 11 – St. John Lutheran Church in Ellinger – 150th Anniversary Celebration

Oct 25 – Wesley Brethren Church Spaghetti Dinner at Industry Fireman's hall

Prayer Concerns: Jerry and Ginger Marshall's son is in Houston

Memorials received – Memorials were made to the building fund last month in memory of Anna, Arque and Ello Elsik. 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. Purchase online at <http://www.fayettevillebrethrenchurch.org/plate.htm>

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. Purchase online at <http://www.fayettevillebrethrenchurch.org/cookbook.htm>

Report from Unity Convention: We had 6 members from our church attend the 63rd Unity Convention held at the Temple Brethren Church on July 9-11: Jerry and Martha Dove, Jerry and Ginger Marshall and Joe and Liz Ripple. Jerry Dove served as our representative and Jerry Marshall serves on the Synodical Committee.

The convention began at 4:30 PM with registration. Goodie bags made by the Temple Brethren congregation were given to all Synodical members and convention representatives. The Temple Brethren congregation had a wonderful display of approximately 60 different Bibles for everyone to look at.

The worship service began at 7:00 with 120 in attendance, which included 26 Ministers and 3 Ministerial Students. Pastor Larry Zabcik, Temple Brethren, gave the welcome and announcements. Rev Linda Chandler, Austin Brethren, gave the message "Focusing Our Minds On The Purposeful Path of Christ". Pastor Zabcik administered Holy Communion. Session I began after the worship service. President Claren Kotrla called the meeting to order and greeted the Convention.

The Friday morning devotional was led by Denise Mikeska, Ministerial Student from Seaton Brethren. Session II began with committee assignments and committee meetings were held. There were 160 in attendance. Jerry Dove served on the Youth Committee; Jerry Marshall served on the Brethren Journal committee and Ginger sat in; Martha sat in on the International Missions committee and Liz sat in on the Prime Timers committee. Joe attended the "Renewal Forum", presented by the Ministerial Students, Denise Mikeska, Steve Davis from Seaton Brethren and Mark Sebek from Ocker Brethren.

Session III began in the afternoon with a general assembly and reports by the committees were given. Dinner was served, and was followed at 7 PM by a worship service. Jerry and Martha, Jerry and Ginger and Liz joined in with the Temple Brethren Choir and presented “Oldies But Goodies”. Ministerial Students Steve Davis and Mark Sebek gave the invocation and Pastoral Prayer. Musical presentations were performed by Brighter Vision from Seaton Brethren, Jon Farrow from Temple Brethren and the Blue River Band. The Hus Anthem “Hoj Verni vBoj” was sung by all the former Hus School graduates, which included Joyce Baletka and our own Rev Milton Maly.

The Saturday morning devotional was led by Rev Whitney Amos. Session IV began with 168 in attendance. The committee meetings continued and reports were given. After lunch, Session V was held with more committee reports. An election and installation of officers was held. New Tabor extended an invitation to be the host for the 2011 Convention. President Claren Kotrla closed the convention in prayer.

Christian Sisters held their meeting on Aug 16 after the worship service with 12 in attendance. Martha gave a report on Missions. Plans are being made for the Progressive Dinner that will be held Sat., Dec 12. Sandra & Ray Stepan will host the heavy appetizers. We need someone to volunteer to serve the desserts. Please contact Ginger if you would be interested in this.

Pauline reported on the salad luncheon that we will sponsor on Saturday, August 22. All proceeds will be given to the Hospice Brazos Valley in La Grange.

Martha gave a report on the quilt show and silent auction that was held in June at the church celebration. Margaret Michalsky has once again donated a quilt top for our raffle next year on March 27. Other items are needed and collection will begin soon. We will again sponsor Operation Christmas Child and Kathy Miller will be the coordinator. A food drive will begin this fall for AMEN.

The retreat will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2010 here at our fellowship hall. A one day event is planned and will be catered by Keith and Katherine Brown – more details will be available soon. Nancy Vasut gave the devotional on Psalm #103. The next meeting will be on November 15.

Board of Elders Report: The Elders would like to thank Jerry Dove for representing the Congregation at the Unity Convention which was held at the Temple Brethren Church July 9-11. Your willingness to volunteer and serve is greatly appreciated.

Lambert Heintschel has been hired to mow and keep clean the church grounds and cemetery. Leander Minar did an excellent job for many years, but due to health reasons, he has had to give it up. As always, if you have any comments or concerns, please let the Elders know.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>View or download this calendar on the Unity website: unityofthebrethren.org Click on "calendar" and then "DPC".</i></p> <p><i>Subscribe at: dailypraycal@hotmail.com</i></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: dailypraycal@hotmail.com</p>	<p>1 Lord, many of us have been in comfort zones that keep us from seeing the things that are important to You. Remove our blindness that we may see what has been obscured by our place of comfort.</p>	<p>2 Dear God, You not only meet our need...You bless us with abundance beyond our needs. Give me faith to open my heart and wallet to meet needs all around me. Lord I thank You in advance for Your constant blessing.</p>	<p>3 Lord, You know that many of us are easily overtaken by anxiety about many things. Teach us listen, watch and wait. Listen that we may hear You. Watch that we may have vision and wait to know the right time to act</p>	<p>4 Pray about living expectantly seeing God's hand in the little things around us. Pray for the joy of faith to keep you full of anticipation and expectation of what God is doing around you—and through you.</p>	<p>5 Millions of young people struggle with the pain of really big issues such as abuse and homosexuality. Pray the church becomes strong in addressing these issues and speaking to the youth on the hard stuff.</p>
<p>6 Lord, we thank You for Your church as we bring you the gift of our worship and praise. Let us be reminded that we are one body...the we must help one another to conform to Your image.</p>	<p>7 We celebrate Labor Day today. Turn our thoughts to spiritual labor You desire us to do. Give us wisdom to focus on what really matters and how we invest each hour of our time</p>	<p>8 Dear God, I know Your scripture says that anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person and their old life is gone. I know that but I need Your help shedding old baggage, keeping on track</p>	<p>9 Lord, help me to make some sense of the intense changes taking place around us. I see old things rapidly ending being replaced by new things. Make us ready, alert to step into Your will for us.</p>	<p>10 Lord, we know that You mourn for the sins of our nation. We can not speak for the masses but we know we are Your people and we stand in the gap for America. Cleanse, renew, intervene.</p>	<p>11 Father, let me follow You not out of fear but because I am motivated by love. Thank You, Father, for sending Jesus to restore our relationship with You. Help me understand that.</p>	<p>12 Lord, help me to be a good communicator this week. At home, at work, with friends. Give me discipline to not use words to manipulate others. Lord, let our yes be yes and our no be no.</p>
<p>13 We delight in You, our God. How can we remain the same when our hearts have gotten a glimpse of the beauty of our king. What can we do to truly express how much we love You. To You, glory and honor!</p>	<p>14 Lord, I thank You for Your provision and protection. You have confirmed to me that all things are possible in You. Nothing is impossible. You send angels to protect. Blessed be Your Holy name.</p>	<p>15 Lord, I need daily discipline for my life. Help me close the door to those things that lead me away from You and open the doors to You and to Your scriptures. Help me with my challenge to not allow order to slip away.</p>	<p>16 Lord, in my heart I know You speak critical information to me every day. It's just so much is going on and it's hard to take the time to discern. Help me adjust my attitude to meditate on Your word and voice.</p>	<p>17 Praise and thank God that He continues to mold you and move you to greater things. Pray for power to live out God's peace in your life. Willingly share what you know about God with others.</p>	<p>18 Jesus warned us that many will come in His name seeking to deceive and they will deceive many. Father, in these times, grant our church power through pastors and leaders with discernment</p>	<p>19 Dear Lord, I know that I need to praise and worship You every day; however, tomorrow is a special day dedicated to praise and worship. Help me to prepare for giving You my praise tomorrow</p>
<p>20 We are here to meet You today dear Lord. We pray that You will draw near to us. Renew us! Refresh us! Be our refuge Allow us to live with a continual awareness our Your Holy presence.</p>	<p>21 Dear God, You know that for many years, faithful prayer warriors in the Unity have been calling for spiritual renewal and a great awakening. May it be so and only for Your glory.</p>	<p>22 Father, we invite Your flame of love to be the refiners fire that purifies us. I invite the love of Christ and His deeds to purify me that I may be spotless and ready for His glorious return.</p>	<p>23 Pray that you find full trust in the Lord and that you will not worry and be overly anxious about your everyday needs. Give us this day our daily bread. Lord, we trust you for it.</p>	<p>24 Pray for the next generation and the equipping of teens to reach the world for Jesus Christ. Pray that passion for God and for the Gospel will continue to grow in our youth.</p>	<p>25 Lord, we pray that You will use the church to strengthen the institution of the family. Lord, use family to shape future generations and to plant the seeds of hunger for God.</p>	<p>26 Dear Father, I hold up to You in prayer Christian students and teachers. Empower them to be effective in sharing the Gospel by example and in other proactive ways. Reclaim our schools</p>
<p>27 Lord Jesus, You have finished Your work. It is difficult for me to understand why You invite me into Your presence. To be undeservingly cleansed of my sin. Thank You Jesus. Renew and fill me!</p>	<p>28 Lord, continue to remind us that enemy seeks to draw us into temptation. Help us to hold to our integrity and witness for You. Help us always find delight in Your law.</p>	<p>29 Lord Jesus, when I desire what You desire, then will I know that we are united. I strive to grow to that mature stage. To only do what You are doing & say what You are saying. What I ask in Your name You will grant</p>	<p>30 Lighthouses guide people thru darkness to safety. Pray that your church will be a spiritual lighthouse in your community guiding people from darkness and hopelessness to safety and a life of abundant hope.</p>	<p><i>PRAYER FOCUS</i> Satan wants us to believe our Lord no longer performs miraculous healings. That is the devils boldest lie. →</p>	<p><i>as a result, healings and miraculous happenings are defined as unexplained quirks. Pray that the Lord will give you the →</i></p>	<p><i>the eyes to see miracles of healing and blessing in your church family. These things are a confirmation of His presence among you.</i></p>