

Fayetteville Brethren Church News  
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## Christ Jesus is Our Lord and Savior!

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**Sunday Worship Service:** 10:45 AM  
**Sunday School:** will resume  
in September

**Website address:** Fayettevillebrethrenchurch.org

### Upcoming Events:

**August 12** - Christian Sisters meeting after the worship service  
**August 19** - Holy Communion, End of Summer

### Pastor's Message:

Dear Friends in the Lord,

The Lord is so magnificent! All we have to do is open our eyes and take in the beauty of His creation!

At the request of Fayetteville members, I will begin leading a Bible Study and Choir which will start the first week in September. At this time of my writing, I am not sure if it will take place on a Wednesday or Thursday night. And the time is yet to be decided. We are looking at the choir at 5 p.m. and the Bible study at 6 p.m. You are invited to participate in one or both of these events (or possibly 4:30 and 5:30).

**The choir** will be learning and will present a **musical for Christmas** at Fayetteville Brethren for sure.

I would love to have some Industry members join us and perhaps we could present the musical at both churches. Are you interested in doing this? If so, please call me as soon as possible (979-567-1999, leave a message if I do not answer) or email me at [Revkaypolasek@yahoo.com](mailto:Revkaypolasek@yahoo.com). The **cost** of your **choir book** would be around **\$8-10** and if you want a **listening CD** that is usually around **\$10**. We will use a CD to sing with so that no one has to learn to play it. Trust me, I have done this for many years with other choirs and it works very well.

**The Bible study** that I have chosen is called "Living with Confidence in a Chaotic World" -- discovering what on earth we should do now - by Dr. David Jeremiah. It is an 11-week small-group study and it is based on the book "What in the World is Going On?"

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**Pastor's Message continued . . . .**

**From the cover of the study:**

"Confidence can be hard to come by these days. People are losing their jobs, their houses, and their life savings at an unprecedented rate. "Violence, natural disasters, and moral depravity seem to be skyrocketing. In the midst of all this chaos, we need to know ... what on earth should we do now?"

"Dr. Jeremiah brings a message of hope and confidence from the priceless counsel of the Word of God. He answers our most urgent questions including:

- \*\* How can we weather this storm with a calm heart?
- \*\* What does it truly mean to "wait on the Lord"?
- \*\* What is Jesus saying to our chaotic world today?
- \*\* How on earth did we get into this mess?
- \*\* Can we take a broken world and rebuild it into something fruitful?

The cost of the **"Participant's Guide" is \$10 plus shipping/handling each.**  
Please let me know if you plan to join us so that I can order your book.

One more thing, in case you have not heard, Ben and I had a land line installed because our cell phones do not work well in our home. We do not have caller ID, so please, leave a message in case we are not able to get to the phone in time or are not at home. If you don't leave a message, then I will not know if you have tried to call me.

Thank you all for allowing me to serve you! Be assured that Ben and I love you all!

Blessings,

*Pastor Kay*

*2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage —with great patience and careful instruction.*

**Prayer Concerns:**

Milton Heintschel Brenda Hammond Jerry Marshall Raymond Dove, brother to Jerry Dove The family of Herrell Elsik Lillie Kasperek Ann Heintschel Leander Minar Tom Pearson Our shut-in members Our missionaries Diane Stringer Carol Benter - friend of Jerry and Martha Dove	Barbara Roesler Alan Stepan, (Ray Stepan's uncle) Ray Hambright (neighbor to our church) Those people fighting additions Those serving in the military Carson and Weston, friends of Ed & Nancy Vasut Tom Bales, friend of Milton & Ann Heintschel Danny, Rose Kubena's brother The Persecuted Church Delmar and Nona McLean Chris Stepan For our college students: Lauren Cox Blaise McKenzie
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### August Birthdays

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

### Flowers, Communion Set-up:

Flowers and Communion set up: Lillie Mae Brightwell - thank you! Holy Communion will be held on Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>.

### Church News:

**Sunday School** – Our Adult Sunday class is taking a break for this last month of summer and will start up again the second week of September. Martha and Jerry Dove are our teachers.

**Financial report from the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Church Celebration:** The profit made from the church celebration totaled a little over \$7,000.00. This has helped our building fund tremendously. We are now looking forward to next year and our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Church Celebration on June 23, 2013.

**Memorials received:** To the Cemetery Fund – for Herrell Elsik by: Lillie Kasperek; Kenneth & Norma Elsik; Arley & Beverly Elsik. For Herrell, Ello, Anna & Arque Elsik by Mae Elsik. For Kyle Kubena by: Lillie Mae & Bob Brightwell; Joe & Liz Ripple. 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 tile given to our church** – Jerry & Kathryn Haluska have generously donated a commemorative ceramic tile to our church which we appreciate very much. It will be displayed in the curio cabinet in the foyer. The tile commemorates the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of when the Unity of the Brethren (Jednota Bratrská) was established in Kunwald (in Kralovehradecký kraj), Czech Republic. It has written on it “Evangelical Unity Czech Moravian Brethren, 1457 – 1957, Kristus Zvítězil – Naslepujdlé Jež”. In the emblem on the tile is the Holy Bible with a chalice and a lamb carrying a flag with “Truth Shall Prevail”. It is believed that several of the Czech-Moravian Brethren churches in the Unity in 1957 had various items made to commemorate this 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Dime Box had a plate made to observe the occasion. It is not known at this time which church had the tile made. If you know, please share what information you may have.

**2012 Church Directories are here!** Our new church directories are now available. Each family will receive one; any extras are available for \$5 each. If you do not receive yours, please contact Liz Ripple.

### **Supplies for Military Personnel Serving Overseas:**

From Pauline Ott: Listed below is a partial list of items for our Military men and women that can be sent and the we (Fayetteville Brethren Church, the Fayetteville High School Honor Society youth and our community) still collect to send to our military serving in Foreign lands. If you have the name and address of a serviceman or service woman to be added to our list or have questions, please see Pauline Ott or Martha Dove.



**Supplies for Military Serving Overseas continued...**

Care package items: Flavored instant coffee, tea bags, jerky, small bagged chips and nuts, Little Debbie snack cakes, hard candy, M&Ms ok, no chocolate that would melt, gum, oatmeal in individual packets, personal messages, hand wipes, razors, deodorant, socks, t-shirts, underwear, breath mints, lip balm, foot powder, combs, eye drops, dental floss, lotion, stamps, paper, envelopes, pens, magazines, washcloths, shampoo, cotton balls, small size fast food condiments, microwave popcorn, canned soup, granola bars, dried fruit, Kool Aid.

**Unity of the Brethren Mutual Aid Convention:** The Mutual Aid Society, a benevolent organization of the Unity of the Brethren in Texas, held its 62<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Convention on July 14, 2012 at the Dime Box Brethren Church. This year also marks the 106<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Society. This organization, which was founded in 1905 and chartered in 1906 to help families of deceased members, continues to serve that purpose and also to assist Brethren congregations with building loans. The motto of the Society is "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2)

The day's activities began at 8:30 a.m. with registration. The opening worship service began at 9:00 a.m. led by Reverend Joseph Polasek, President of the administrative board and Pastor of the Snook Brethren Church. A Memorial Service remembering forty adult members of the Society who passed away since the last Convention two years ago was led by Natalie Outlaw, General Secretary. Polasek led everyone in the singing of a Czech Hymn – "Pojd' k Spasiteli" (Come to the Savior). The Scripture Lesson was from Galatians 6: 1-10. Rev Polasek encouraged us all to continue steadfastly in stewardship, fellowship and worship. Reverend Jim Heckman, pastor of Dime Box Brethren Church, assisted with communion. Alice Chlapek served as the organist.

Rev. Polasek presided over the business session. Mrs. Dorothy Hinson of the Houston Local was presented a bronze pin for 6 years of service and Guy Huffman of the Caldwell Local will be presented a silver pin for 20 years of service. It was reported that there are 846 adult members in the Society and 178 Junior members. Everyone was encouraged to go back to their churches and recruit more members to join the Society. Elected officers for 2012-2014 were Rev. Polasek, Daniel Vojtek, Natalie Outlaw, Guy E. Huffman, Sharon Hohmann and Dorothy Hinson. The next convention will be held at the Bryan College Station Brethren Church in July 2014.

A catered lunch of BBQ chicken and sausage was enjoyed along with an array of desserts. The blessing was given by Rev. Heckman. In attendance were 15 Delegates, 20 guests and 4 ministers – Rev. Polasek, Rev. Heckman, Rev. Lawrence Junek and Rev. Henry Beseda. The 15 Locals represented came from Sealy, Fayetteville, West, Dime Box, Snook, Ocker, New Tabor, Nelsonville, Granger, Taylor, Temple, Houston, Caldwell, Pasadena and Bryan-College Station. Sandra Stepan, secretary of the Fayetteville Local #5 served as Fayetteville Brethren Church's delegate and was assigned to the Budget Committee. Also attending from Fayetteville Brethren Church was Elizabeth and Joe Ripple.