

FAYETTEVILLE BRETHREN CHURCH NEWS
September, 2012

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Sunday Worship Service: 10:45 AM
Sunday School: 9:45 AM

Website: Fayettevillebrethrenchurch.org

Upcoming Events:

Sept 9 – Grandparents Day – Holy Communion

Sept 30 – Fellowship lunch after worship service

Oct 7 – Holy Communion – World Wide Communion Sunday

Oct 20 – Fall Synodical Committee meeting at Caldwell – 9 a.m.

Oct 28 – Wesley Brethren Church Spaghetti Dinner at Industry Fireman's hall

Pastor's Message:

The beginning of the school year is exciting and busy for students and their parents. It marks the start of a new season. Teachers have prepared for receiving their new group of learners. They feel the burden of their student's futures which depend upon receiving a good education. Sports teams have already begun their practices and anticipate their future games with the hope of winning each one. The school buildings have new paint and polished floors.

Many of you would agree with me when I say "I am anticipating cooler weather!" Unfortunately, some live in a state of anticipation of what is to come next - supper, the end of the day, the weekend, retirement, hunting season, football games, the presidential election, the economy, Thanksgiving, Christmas and the lists goes on and on. These are all earthly concerns. What about your ultimate future? Are you ready for the coming of our Lord? Have you "laid up" treasure in heaven? If He came back today, are you ready?

For the last few weeks, I have been preaching a sermon series on Heaven. As I reflected on today's sermon, I realize that I was exhausted after it. It was hard to preach about Hell. It was difficult to talk about the fact that many will not go to Heaven, but instead spend their eternity in Hell. It was hard for me because I know many people who daily deny the existence of Christ. It makes me very sad.

So, as we anticipate our daily life challenges, may we remember who is in control of our lives and face that fact that it is not you or me.

I invite you to join our new choir that starts on Thursday, September 6 at 5:00 pm. Also, on the same day we will begin our new evening (7:00 pm) Bible study "Living with Confidence in a Chaotic World" authored by Dr. David Jeremiah. It is my hope that you will make the time to participate in these opportunities. And, I look forward to our church's future as grow together both spiritually and numerically.

Pastor Kay

Prayer Concerns:

Our military
Char Wright
Thanksgiving for the rain
Allen & Jeannie Stepan
Sue Stepan
Guy Huffmann
Matthew Huffman & family
The family of Elward Ruffin

Our missionaries
Jerry Marshall
The family of Lillie Elsik Kasperek
Rusty Hight
Ann Heintschel
Those who have lost family members
Those who are traveling

September Birthdays

5 - Joe Ripple	5 - Caroline Woo
13 - Doris H. Miller	22 - Gary Dorsett
26 - Doris Cervenka	26 - Bob Brightwell

Flower and Communion Set - up: Holy Communion will be held on Sunday, September 9th.

Church News:

Sunday School - **Adult Class:** Martha and Jerry Dove are leading the adult class. On September 9th, they will start a new topic study helping us to understand the beliefs of other religions and how as Christians we can share the good news of Jesus Christ with those of other faiths. **Children's Sunday School:** A Sunday School class for youth will be available beginning September 8th. You are welcome to bring your children or grandchildren to this class.

Board of Elders Report: The Elders made payment #47 - #74 on the Sanctuary Restoration loan, with all the proceeds from the celebration going towards the principal balance. This leaves us with 106 payments left to pay on the loan and we are almost 5 years ahead of schedule. The Elders encourage everyone who can to be part of the choir and Bible study activities that will start on Thursdays in September and continue for 11 weeks. As always, if you have any comments or concerns, please let the Elders know.

Missionaries visit – Michael, Caroline, Samuel, Ian, Zach and Isaac Woo visited with us on Sunday, July 29 at the Industry Brethren Church. A potluck supper was provided by members of Industry, Fayetteville, Nelsonville & Wesley Brethren churches. About 20 people attended the very informative presentation. Pictures of the area where the Woo's are serving were shown. The Woo's will stay in North Carolina among relatives until the end of this year with the boys attending the local school. Continued prayers are asked that the Holy Spirit would sweep through the Shan Dai people.

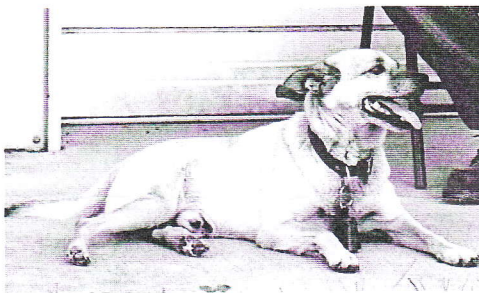
Memorials received: To the **Cemetery Fund** – for Herrell Elsik by: Kathy & Bill Voshalike; for Herrell, Anna, Ello & Arque Elsik by Mae Elsik; for Bernice Elsik Miller by Kathy & Bill Voshalike; for Frank & Frances Jasek Elsik by Kathy & Bill Voshalike. To the **Building Fund** – for Johnnie Clyde Owens by Jerry & Martha Dove. 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 \$3.00 for shipping and handling to FBC, P.O. Box 11, Fayetteville Texas 78940.

Christian Sisters are collecting food for the AMEN Pantry in La Grange. Please put your canned good donations in the blue box in the narthex. Martha and Jerry Dove visited the Cade Lake Community Church on August 26th and brought donated items for the local Food Pantry. Martha prepared Angel Tree tags to be used for the children in the area there. The members of our congregation will be asked to fill some of the wishes on the tags to share Christ's love to these young people.

Buck the friendly dog who used to greet visitors to Fayetteville Brethren Church and the church cemetery, passed away last week. He was being cared for by Doris and Leland Miller after his retirement as a greeter.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>View or download this calendar on the Unity website: unityofthebrethren.org</p> <p>Click on "calendar" and the "DPC".</p> <p>Subscribe at: dailyprayercal@hot.rr.com</p>	<p>THE DAILY PRAYER CALENDAR IS AVAILABLE BY MAIL OR EMAIL FOR A BULLETIN/NEWSLETTER.</p> <p>Daily Prayer Calendar Editor 100 Calvin Drive Temple, TX 76501</p> <p>or email the following to subscribe: dailyprayercal@hot.rr.com</p>	<p>PRAYER FOCUS</p> <p><i>Father, I receive the callings and giftings, even those I have previously refused. I accept I do not need to know how to →</i></p>	<p><i>make this work, I only need to say "yes" to Your gifts and callings.</i></p> <p><i>Father, I know the truth of Your →</i></p>	<p><i>Word can help me stand against a secular, godless worldview. I pray for Bible study groups to be formed in every →</i></p>	<p><i>Brethren Church.</i></p> <p><i>Father, touch the heart of a person in every U. of B. church to lead a group of prayer intercessors.</i></p>	<p>1 Dear Father, continue to close doors that lead to paths You do not want me to take. Instead, open doors that lead me on the road to Your plan for my growth and life. Help me to listen better and trust.</p>
<p>2 Let us thank God for His goodness. Let us praise Him with our words and song declaring His glory. Let us move beyond praise and worship Him mightily with our heart in spirit and in truth.</p>	<p>3 Labor Day today. This is a good time to focus on how we use our time. Pray for God's direction of your priorities. Pray about other important priorities in addition to your work. Such as time with God and family.</p>	<p>4 Our prayers are powerful and necessary and they do protect us; our nation and church. Let us not grow weary as worldwide attacks on the church increase. Let us pray and fear not as God makes us more powerful.</p>	<p>5 Father, many churches and their leaders/pastors have grown weary. Send a second wind to refresh and energize. Inspire a new birthing of changed lives that will be clearly evident to all peoples in our communities.</p>	<p>6 Perhaps God has chosen you for some mission in life. It was clear to you but now the road has become difficult as you encounter roadblocks. Constant prayer will yield rewards. Don't give up on God!</p>	<p>7 Lord, fill my heart with mercy and grace. Although I may have my own troubles, yet may my heart be filled with compassion for the lonely and downtrodden. A good heart concerned for the hurting and lost souls.</p>	<p>8 Lord, beginning today, I will make an extra effort to give priority to prayer and Bible study. So often, I have allowed the less important things in my schedule crowd out my time with You. Help me with my priorities.</p>
<p>9 Father, forgive us for not always keeping the Sabbath holy; when we engage in activity that gets in the way of worshipping and serving You. Father, we invite You into our presence.</p>	<p>10 Pray for schools in your community. Pray for Christian teachers to have boldness to share the Gospel; for students/others to set up Bible study classes as now permitted by law.</p>	<p>11 Lord, You command us to not covet. May I be truly satisfied and at peace with what I have and not be driven to make possessions, things and activity my gods. May my life reflect Your value.</p>	<p>12 Lord, every day that I live, Your love amazes me. I am undeserving, yet You bless me. I know even now, I am on the edge of new opportunities You have prepared for me. Faith to possess them!</p>	<p>13 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.</p>	<p>14 Dear Father, give us clean and pure hearts that we may truly serve You and that our worship is acceptable to You. Continue our transformation to be more like You.</p>	<p>15 Pray for the elected leaders & pastors of the Unity of the Brethren. Seek out their names in the B.J. or from your S.C. representative. Seek out and pray for exciting things in the Unity.</p>
<p>16 Pray your pastor and we who worship immerse ourselves in communication with God and engage all our mind, heart and senses. Pray about how to worship in truth and spirit.</p>	<p>17 Lord, help us discern needs of people we disciple. Alert us to seek Your guidance about what you desire for a person's life. Let us always seek Your direction and power.</p>	<p>18 Pray for those you know whose marriages are experiencing challenges. Pray for love, patience, understanding and a desire for reconciliation and true growth</p>	<p>19 Pray for college students whose faith is being challenged by instructors with a secular worldview. Pray that the truth imparted to us in the Bible will guide and strengthen them.</p>	<p>20 Heb. 3:13 speaks of us encouraging one another. Lord, surely, someone will cross my path today who needs encouragement. Make me sensitive to such need and how to respond.</p>	<p>21 Yes Lord, I believe I am Your workmanship and I yield myself to Your goodness. Cause me to be all You have in Your heart for me to be dear Jesus and I give You all the glory. Amen</p>	<p>22 Lord, thank You for cleansing me. When I fail, and quickly repent, the blood of Christ has washed me, purified me of sins. Strengthen me, empower me to live a life that is pure. Faithful!</p>
<p>23 Praise God that He renews our strength day by day. Praise God for He has transformed you.</p> <p>30 Praise God that you can anchor your faith in Christ to take you thru any trouble you may face.</p>	<p>24 Father, we pray that You will impart vision and discernment to the leaders and pastors of our Unity (& all churches). Make us sensitive to the Holy Spirit. Make us aware of Your heart for the Body</p>	<p>25 Pray for friends, family members or people in your congregation who are going through difficult times. Grief, health challenges, work difficulties or relationship challenges. Pray for God's healing touch.</p>	<p>26 Jesus by example displayed His care for the downtrodden of the world. Pray for the weak, poor and forgotten. Pray about specific things we and our churches can do. Pray for power and hope.</p>	<p>27 Pray about how God can use your weakness and inadequacies to display His power. Thank God that His power and grace will always be sufficient to meet your needs. Read 2 Corinthians 12:9-10</p>	<p>28 Pray for God's spirit and power to spread across this land. Pray for the spirit of repentance to spread from shore to shore followed by spiritual renewal that will bring God great glory.</p>	<p>29 Make an effort to become informed on the needs and work of missionaries connected with the Unity. Your prayers for them and their families make a difference.</p>