

United Church of God, IA-East Texas/Texarkana

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SABBATH SERVICES

Texarkana – 10 a.m.

Song Leader – Ken Treybig
Split Sermon – James Neff
Bible Study – Ken Treybig

East Texas – 2:30 p.m.

Song Leader – Loren Weinbrenner
Split Sermon – Jeff Caudle
Bible Study – Ken Treybig

CHURCH HALL NOTES

Please Pardon Our Dust!

Since some of the rooms still need touch-up paint and cove base installed, the Construction Manager has requested that the Décor Committee hold off putting all the furnishings and accessories in each room. Please bear with us as we await approval to put the final floor plan furniture arrangements and accessories into place.

Also, the restroom partitions have not arrived yet, but we do have temporary privacy curtains for now.

Auditorium Carpet

As a reminder, please remember no food or drinks are allowed on the carpeted areas in the Auditorium, as is the case in most nice facilities.

Auditorium Chairs

For your convenience, our auditorium chairs have bookracks with rear access, so that you may place personal belongings in the rack of the chair in front of you.

Kitchen

For safety reasons, we ask that no unattended children be allowed in the Kitchen. Thank you for your cooperation.

Traffic Alert

As we begin using our church hall, please be extra careful when entering or leaving. The speed limit is a roaring 70 mph right in front of our building. We will petition to have it lowered,

but right now we ask that everyone be very careful to use your turn signal and be very watchful of traffic. After last week's 'first run' we will allow entry from both drives, with the south drive designated as "one-way" entering the property up to the Handicapped parking lot. So if you plan to drop anyone or any supplies off under the Portico, please use the south entrance to minimize two-way traffic in our drives. Please also be careful to look both ways when exiting the property since our entrances are both in a passing zone.

Children and Portico Traffic

We realize the flat covered surface of the Portico can be a big "drawing card" for children to play on after services. However, since there is vehicular traffic there as well, that's not a good mix! Parents, please watch your children and do not allow them to play in that area or any other area where there is traffic. We want to make sure all of our children are safe.

PRETEEN EVENTS

Sabbath School Today

Class will be held *today* during the Bible Study in the rear corner of the Multi-Purpose Area. Please remember to bring your Bible and notebook, and dress warmly!

Preteen Basketball



We are planning to offer co-ed basketball for preteens aged 8 years and up. Our goal is to provide a fun, recreational activity. Please sign the list

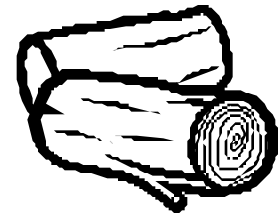
at Information if you would like to join the fun! Practices may vary from Sundays at 9 – 9:30 a.m., or Saturday nights from 7 – 7:30 p.m. Please see Walter Crane if you need more information.

Children's Choir Practice

The Children's Choir will perform with the Adult Choir at the Dedication for the building on January 19. We will have combined practices with the Adult Choir shortly after services **today**. Our final practice will be *before* services on January 19, at 1:30 pm. Please contact Laura Moody if you have any questions or need a copy of the CD and lyrics.

TEEN EVENTS

Wood Splitting Party



There will be a wood splitting party **tomorrow**, January 13, from 9 – 11 a.m. at the home of Toby and Jean Shipman.

Teen Fundraisers

Don't forget the two teen fundraisers—selling firewood and selling 2008 calendars. See one of the teens or the Shipmans for details.

YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

United Youth Corps Projects

Do you want to make a positive difference in the world? Do you want to live the Christian principle of serving your brethren in the Church and setting an example of service for other people in the world? Do you want to experience the enriching education and adventure of international travel? Would you like to do all these things

at the same time? If so, the United Youth Corps might be for you.

The United Youth Corps program offers opportunities for service, leadership training, and travel for our young adults in the Church. This is the ninth year of offering United Youth Corps opportunities, and to date we have over 60 young adults who have participated in 18 projects in eight countries.

We are pleased and excited to announce we are now accepting applications for this year's programs in:

- **Philippines, Asia**
April 27 to May 11
- **Ghana, West Africa**
August 6 to 20
- **Nigeria, West Africa**
August 11 to 27
- **Amman, Jordan, & Israel**
June 16 to Aug. 3
- **Kenya, East Africa**
December 10 to 24

United Youth Corps international projects may not be for everyone; however, if you think one might be for you, please see the fact sheets giving information on the various projects offered this year. Fact Sheets and application forms are available from your pastor *today*. You may also view and download fact sheets and applications for any of the projects by visiting the United Youth Corps Web site at www.ucgyouthcorps.org.

Financial Aid/Subsidy: This year United Youth Corps is offering to subsidize up to 50 percent of the airfare cost of all accepted United Youth Corps applicants. Also, those applicants who may have additional fund limitations can apply for *additional financial aid*. This is a new financial commitment that United Church of God is making to this education and service program for our young adults. Financial Aid forms can be acquired from Mr. Treybig.

Note: The deadline for applications to the projects in the Philippines and Jordan/Israel is **Feb. 1** (other projects have later deadlines). Therefore, we encourage all of you to not delay in

finding out more about how you can make a positive difference in the Church and in the world while living unique international adventures. You can do all this by participating in the United Youth Corps!

Young Adult Regional Weekend

Once again, Dallas is hosting a regional weekend for the Young Adults of the United Church of God on **Feb. 15 – 17**. This year's theme is "**Men and Women: Being the Best You Can Be!**" Come for fellowship, learning, and fun as we explore the uniqueness of men and women (their talents, needs, and roles) from the perspective of the Word of God! We will have a social mixer on Friday evening, seminars on Sabbath and Sunday, and a costume dance Saturday night. The cost for the seminars and all activities will be \$35, *if registering by Jan 26*.

Housing is available at the Quality Inn (where many of the activities will be held) for \$50 per night per room. Please mention that you are with the "**United Church of God Regional Weekend**" for this special rate.

Please register by Jan 26 so we can get an accurate head count. Flyers are available at Information with all the details. Register at our Web site www.ucg-dallas.org/ya. Please direct questions to Phillip Sandilands at sandilands@tx.rr.com.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Choir Practice Today

In preparation for the Dedication weekend, the adult choir will practice shortly after services **today**. The final practice will be *before* services on January 19, at 1:30 pm. Please see Ed Weiss if you need a copy of the music or the parts CD.

Basketball Practice Tonight

Our next practice will be tonight, **January 12**, from 7 – 10 p.m., at the Big Sandy Middle School. The pre-teens will practice from 7 – 7:30 p.m., the teens from 7:30 – 9 p.m., and adults from 9 – 10 p.m. The other practice in January (next week) will also be on Saturday night. Our first

set of regional games will be in Houston on January 26 – 27.

Bible Reading Program

A program to read through the Bible in a year was recently offered from Mr. Jack Hendren, pastor in Corpus Christi. We've just started the new year, so you're welcome to participate if you'd like. The program was sent via email (it's in an Excel file) and has scheduled breaks for the feasts. It was suggested if anyone misses at any time, that they don't try to go back and catch up—just go directly to the current day's reading and pick up from there. Some copies of the January reading schedule are at Information.

Media Library

DVD copies of the first Sabbath Service (December 29) in our new hall are now available for checkout at the Media Library. You may also view video of the service on our local Web site: www.ucgeasttexas.org.

Fox News Radio Interview

Jerold Aust was recently interviewed by Alan Colmes on Fox News Radio. Following are the links if you would like to hear the 26-minute segment. Streaming audio link:

<http://www.ucgeasttexas.org/ColmesAustOnFox.m3u> and the File download link:

<http://www.ucgeasttexas.org/ColmesAustOnFox.mp3>.

Local Hall Areas of Service

As has been stated several times over the past couple of years, once we are in our own building we will need new lists of volunteers. There are some service areas we will need now that we have not needed in the past. Building cleaning and parking are just two examples of that. There is a set of new sign-up lists at Information. We would appreciate it if you would take the time to think about the different options and sign up to help out in whatever area/areas you would like.

Dedication Reception

Today is the *final* day to sign the lists at Information for refreshments for the Dedication weekend. Please note the details. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Worthen at 903-636-4773 or granaryst@juno.com.

Hymnals for Dedication Service

Since we are expecting a large crowd for our Dedication Service next Sabbath, we are asking that everyone bring their personal hymnals for the song service. Thank you for your help.

Parking for Dedication Service

Since we are expecting a large crowd for our Dedication Service next Sabbath, we are asking that everyone please carpool to help make sure we have room for all the cars. We have approval from Big Sandy Schools to park in their large lot north of the school, between the Auditorium and the baseball fields. You can park there to carpool with others. If anyone is willing to shuttle people between the school parking lot and the building, that would also be most helpful.

We will also need some extra people for the parking crew that day. If you can help, please contact Walter Crane. Thank you for your help.

Branson Family Weekend

The 13th Annual Midwest Presidents' Day Family Weekend will be **February 15 – 17** in Branson, MO. The weekend will give an opportunity for plenty of fellowship with brethren from many parts of the United States.

It will feature plenty of opportunities for learning with special Sabbath services featuring our guest speaker, Mr. Richard Thompson, and 7 helpful seminars (you can catch up to 5 of the 7) by area pastors. (Overall theme and seminar titles will be available in a couple of weeks.)

We'll have a fun show, family dance, skating party, miniature golf at an indoor course, and a game night. We'll have a delicious Italian dinner (\$5 for adults/\$2.50 for ages 4 – 11) together on Saturday evening and a

lunch (\$2.50 for adults /\$2 for ages 4 – 11) on Sunday. Please order your meals as soon as possible so we know how to plan.

We will be staying at the Ramada Inn, where the opening evening and the seminars will all take place. Rooms cost \$37 per night, including breakfast for everyone in the room. Make your reservations now by calling 417-334-1000 and identify yourself as part of the United Church of God activity.

Last year about 350 attended and we anticipate at least similar numbers again this year. See you there!

BUILDING UPDATES

Work Progress

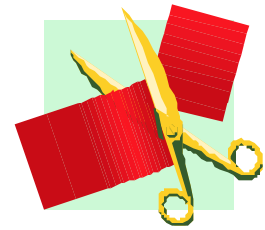
This week a long list of punch-out items were completed, including the Kitchen and Janitors Closet back-splash tiling, hanging fire extinguishers, installing locking thermostat covers, putting wall carpet around the closets in the Multi/Use end, moving and cleaning more chairs and other items from storage to the building, installing door closers and stops, cutting down and anchoring the drain cleanouts in the parking lot, beginning the landscaping, finishing the conduit for cable Internet service, etc. We still have more to do before our Dedication weekend, but are very happy to have the list "whittled down" some.

Another work party will take place tomorrow, **January 13**, starting at 9 a.m., to work on more of the details that still need to be done before our Dedication next weekend. Also, we'll need more volunteers to help clean on Friday, **January 18**. We would appreciate all who can help out!

Many thanks for all the volunteer labor on the building, the prayers, the food, and those who are able to make monthly donations to the fund!

Check out the latest building photos on our local Web site at <http://www.ucgeasttexas.org/cpg/home/index.php> along with the link at <http://www.ucgeasttexas.org/cpg/home/thumbnails.php?album=4> for the furnishings acquired so far.

Building Dedication Plans



January 19 – 20, 2008 will be the weekend for our building dedication. The weekend will consist of the Dedication to be held on the Sabbath, and a Ribbon Cutting and Open House for the public the next day on Sunday, from 2 – 4 p.m. We hope as many local members as possible will be able to be there to welcome our visitors.

CHURCH BUILDING FUND

Contributions to the Building Fund this past week totaled \$170. During the month of December, the Building Fund increased by \$4,002.

Our current total of funds collected is \$282,415.

To make donations, checks should be made out to United Church of God, East Texas and mailed to Sarah Baker, P.O. Box 1111, Hawkins, TX 75765.

PRAYER UPDATES

Please continue to remember **Mrs. Maxine Neff**, who is experiencing increased pain after surgery to repair a broken right hip sustained from a fall. The pain was expected to diminish during rehab, but the pain medication is not strong enough to relieve it. Your prayers are much appreciated.