

United Church of God, IA-East Texas/Texarkana

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SABBATH SERVICES

Texarkana – 10 a.m.

Song Leader – James Neff
Sermonette – Lonnie Neff
Sermon – Frank McCrady

East Texas – 2:30 p.m.

Song Leader – John Flynn
Sermonette – Ed Weiss
Sermon – Leroy Neff

CHURCH HALL NOTES

Please Pardon Our Dust!

We're continuing to work on various finishing details and fine tuning the room arrangements. Thank you for your patience and cooperation!

Auditorium

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

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. Since our 'first run' we will now 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.

Phone Books

If you have a recent Tyler or Longview phone book you could donate, please let Mr. Stewart know. We'd like to have one of each at the hall.

PRETEEN EVENTS

Preteen Basketball

Our next practice will be **February 2**, from 7 – 7:30 p.m. Please see Walter Crane if you need more information.

TEEN EVENTS

Bible Study & Activity

Teens and families, please note that Friday evening, **February 1**, at 7 p.m. will be our next Teen Bible Study. Please bring your favorite dessert and begin your Sabbath with friends at the church hall.

Teen Fundraisers

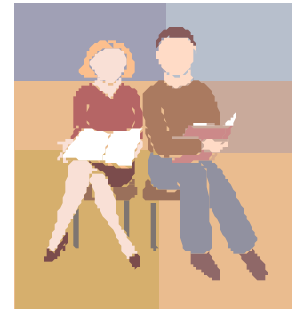
Don't forget the two teen fundraisers—selling firewood and selling 2008 calendars. See one of the teens or the Shipmans for details.

YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

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.

United Youth Corps Projects

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

Fact Sheets and application forms are available 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.

Application Deadlines: The deadline for applications to the projects in Nigeria, the Philippines, and Jordan/Israel is **Feb. 1**. The project in Ghana has an application deadline of **April 1**. 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!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dedication Thank You

Many thanks to all of you serving in various capacities to welcome our guests and visitors during our Dedication and Open House. We appreciate the labor of love! There were numerous positive comments on the building as well as the warmth shown by the congregation.

Media Library

DVD copies of the special slide-show/video shown during our Dedication weekend are now available for checkout at the Media Library.

Local Hall Areas of Service

Today is the final day to sign the service area lists at Information. Please take the time to review the options and sign up to help out in whatever area/s you would like. We've already worked up the details of crews for the hall cleaning. We'll post the results for the rest of the areas as soon as they are finalized.

Basketball

This weekend is the first set of regional basketball games in Houston. Wishing all the players a fun and safe journey!

Our next local practice will be **February 2**, from 7 – 10 p.m., at the Big Sandy Middle School. The preteens will practice from 7 – 7:30, with the teens and adults following as in the past.

We will host the next set of regional games the weekend of February 23 – 24.

Ten Pins!



Make plans to join your spiritual family for bowling **tomorrow**, January 27, from 12 noon to 5 p.m., at the Oil Bowl Lanes on 1102 W. Cotton in Longview.

Super Bowl Party

We're planning a super-sized party during the Super Bowl on Sunday night, **February 3**, with our big screen, refreshments, and fellowship. Come join the fun!

Congregational Bible Study

We'll have another congregational Bible Study on **February 9**. We hope you'll join us as we review Belief #4, "Humanity."

Family Night

We'll enjoy a Family Night on Saturday night, **February 9**, beginning at

7 p.m. Our whole church family (of all ages) is invited to a night of fun with activities such as active games in the Multi/Use end, table games, snacks, and fellowshiping!

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 work continued on the Portico, despite the bad weather. We'll continue to work on that and a few other finishing touches for the next few weeks.

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!

CHURCH BUILDING FUND

Contributions to the Building Fund this past week totaled \$1,639. During the month of December, the Building Fund increased by \$4,002.

Our current total of funds collected is \$294,469.

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

Mrs. Maxine Neff was scheduled to return home yesterday from the rehab facility. She is anxious to get back to her home. Your continued prayers are appreciated.

Rochelle Boyce came home early from the hospital. She's doing well, overall, though she is tired and in need of rest to recover. Please remember her in your prayers.