

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 – Shannon Lucas
Split Sermon – Dael Baughman
Bible Study – Ken Treybig

CHURCH HALL NOTES

Food & Beverages

As a reminder, please remember no food or beverages (including coffee) are allowed on the carpeted areas in the Auditorium, *as well as* the auditorium chairs, as is the case in most nice facilities. Your cooperation will help to preserve the quality and atmosphere of the Auditorium.

PRETEEN EVENTS

Sabbath School Today

Class will be held **today** during the Bible Study for a lesson on "*Taming the Tongue: Having Truthful Words and Ways.*" Please remember to bring your Bible and notebook. Snacks will be provided.

Preteen Basketball

Our next practice will be **tonight**, February 9, from 7 – 7:30 p.m. Please see Walter Crane if you need more information.

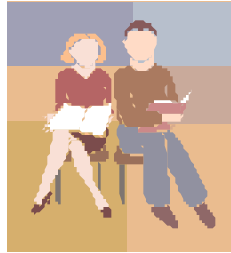
TEEN EVENTS

Teen Fundraiser

Thank you for your support of our past fundraisers. The next teen fundraiser we are planning will be a car wash scheduled for the Sunday before the Spring Holy Days.

YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

Young Adult Regional Weekend



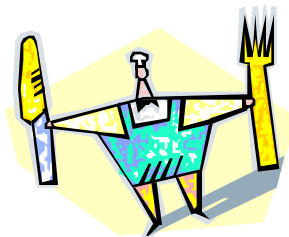
Once again, Dallas is hosting a regional weekend for the Young Adults of the United Church of God on **Feb. 15 – 17**. This year's theme is "*Men and Women: Being the Best You Can Be!*" More information is available at www.ucg-dallas.org/ya.

ET BASKETBALL WEEKEND

Housing

We will once again need some volunteers to provide housing for families coming to our basketball weekend on **February 23 – 24** who need or prefer housing with members. If you can help, please sign the list at Information indicating how many people you can house, or contact Rochelle Boyce. Thanks!

Potluck



We will host a special potluck meal after services on the Sabbath of **February 23**. Since we are expecting a large number of guests for the basketball weekend, we are requesting that everyone please bring an entrée plus three other food items (vegetable, salad, dessert.) Please remember to label your serving dishes. Thanks so much for your help!

Teen Dance

All teens are invited to the East Texas Teen Dance to be held Saturday

night, **February 23**, from 6:30 – 10:30 p.m. at the church hall, in the Multi/Use area. Attire is nice western wear (no holes in the jeans, please) and outfits should be appropriately modest. To help with refreshments, all girls are asked to bring one dozen cookies or brownies and all boys to bring two 2-liter bottles of soft drink. All teens are asked to help with the cleanup after the dance. Hope to see everyone there!

Basketball Games

All the games will be played at the Gladewater High School gym. We will have adult games on Saturday night and teen games all day on Sunday. The schedule will be prepared and sent out this coming week.

Concessions

We'll need help with concessions. Please remember to sign the list for what time slot(s) you can work on Sunday.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lost & Found

Potluck items from the past and recent items from the Dedication/Open House weekend are on display today and next Sabbath. Please peruse the table near the Kitchen to see if any items may be yours.

Free Juice

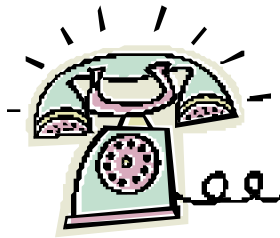
We received a large donation of a variety of bottled juice, and are making it available on a first-come, first-served basis. If you are interested, please look for the bin under the small pass-thru near the Kitchen.

Speakers' Meeting

There will be a short meeting for all sermonette and split sermon speakers today in the Magnolia Room right after the Bible Study. We will discuss

times to schedule a few meetings between now and the end of May.

Church Directory



It's time to reprint our local church directory! Before we do so, we'd like to update the information. The ushers will be handing out a form for you to use for this purpose. If you need to update your information due to 911 address changes, e-mail changes, corrections, etc., or, are not currently listed in the directory but wish to be, please fill out the form with just the information that you want printed. If you no longer wish to be included, please indicate that on your form. If your current listing is still correct, you do not need to return the form. We will reprint the information that was in the last local directory.

Please return your form to John Trotter (East Texas) or James Neff (Texarkana) **by February 23**. You may also return your form at Information. Thank you for your help!

Family Night

We'll enjoy a Family Night **tonight**, February 9, from 7 – 10 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 fellowship!

Basketball

Our next local practice will be **tonight**, February 9, 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.

Media Library

DVD copies of the special slide-show/video shown during our Dedic-

ation weekend are available for check-out at the Media Library.

Branson Family Weekend

The 13th Annual Midwest Presidents' Day Family Weekend will be **February 15 – 17** in Branson, MO.

It will feature plenty of opportunities for learning with special Sabbath services featuring guest speaker, Mr. Richard Thompson, and 7 helpful seminars (you can catch up to 5 of the 7) by area pastors.

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 new Panasonic microwave was purchased for the Kitchen, the commercial roll-up doors in the Kitchen pass-thrus were installed, as well as the shower rods and curtains in both restrooms. We'll continue to work on the Portico and other finishing touches over the next several weeks.

We are also happy to report the donation of a new ping-pong table and a volleyball set!

Work Party Tomorrow

There will be a work party **tomorrow**, February 10, beginning at 9 a.m., to clean the Multi/Use area in preparation for sealing.

We'll also have another work party the following Sunday, **February 17**, to transfer the rest of our items from the storage warehouse to the building. Rod Gehkre is coordinating the move. Please contact him at (903) 261-2312 if you are able to help.

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 \$230. During the month of January, the Building Fund increased by \$14,598.

Our current total of funds collected is \$295,854.

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.

2007 Financial Report

Thanks to everyone for the support of our fundraising efforts and your individual contributions. The total funds received locally during 2007 were \$39,160.75, and the breakdown is as follows:

Individual Contributions.....	\$31,399.50
Garage Sales.....	3,809.70
Organizations – refunds and rebates.....	1,543.20
Card Sales.....	1,330.00
Bake Sales.....	<u>1,078.35</u>
TOTAL.....	\$39,160.75

Building Finances

At the end of December 2007, the total expenditures on the building for Phase 1 were \$585,450.

PRAYER UPDATES

Rochelle Boyce has an appointment in Dallas on Monday to determine if her hip is healed properly and can proceed with full therapy. She's excited about the opportunity to walk in a normal way for the first time in her life and would appreciate your continued prayers.