

United Church of God, IA-East Texas/Texarkana Announcements • February 23, 2008

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SABBATH SERVICES

Texarkana – (combined)

East Texas – 2:30 p.m.

Song Leader – Ken Treybig

Sermonette – Jim Moody

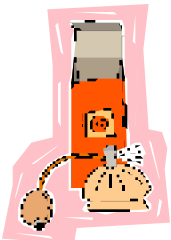
Sermon – Ken Giese

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. Dry snacks for very small children while on a blanket are an understandable exception. Your cooperation will help to preserve the quality and atmosphere of the Auditorium.

Fragrance-Free Room



The Magnolia Room is currently designated as the “fragrance-free” room whenever the need arises for Sabbath services. We’ll place a sign on the outside door handle when it is being used for this purpose. Please be mindful of this and remember that no perfumes, scented hairsprays or deodorants, etc. should be used by those entering the room whenever it is designated as such.

Library

The Family Room houses our local church library of books available for checkout. If you would like to check-out a book for up to two weeks, or wish to donate any nonfiction books to the Library, please see Anne Elliott, who will be coordinating the Library.

Hall Coordinators

We have now finalized more of our service area coordinators and emailed them the list of people who volunteered to help in each area. There will be a meeting of all the coordinators after services next Sabbath, **March 1**.

We appreciate all their volunteer efforts. A copy of the current organizational chart is at Information. Please direct any suggestions or concerns you may have to the appropriate coordinator.

Address & Phone

The physical address of our church hall is 1007 Tyler Street, Big Sandy, TX 75755. The phone number is 903-636-4300, however it will not be forwarded to anyone. If no one is there and you leave a message, please understand that you may not receive a response for several days.

PRETEEN EVENTS

Sabbath School

Our next class will be held the Sabbath of **March 1**, during the sermonette time. Please remember to bring your Bible and notebook.

TEEN EVENTS

SC Regional Annual Teen Formal

Once again, we are happy to announce the details for the 2008 UCG Teen Formal! This year, the very special evening will be held at the **Radisson Fort Worth South** (*different location than last year*) on Saturday evening, **March 29**. We look forward to seeing all of our teens dressed to the nines...a wonderful dinner, music and dancing, with a special tribute to all of our graduating seniors will highlight this special night! Flyers and registration forms are available today at Information. **Registration deadline is March 14**. We look forward to seeing all of you teens at this very special

annual event in Fort Worth the end of next month. Make your plans now!

YOUNG ADULTS

Challenger II Web Site Correction

Recently an announcement for the Challenger II Wind Rivers Wildemess Expedition was sent out for distribution to Young Adults. The Web site for the application forms was included. However, just after the announcement came out the Web site was moved to the member's Web page. The updated Challenger II address is: members.ucg.org/challenger.

ET BASKETBALL WEEKEND



We extend a warm welcome to all our guests! We hope you enjoy your visit with us in East Texas.

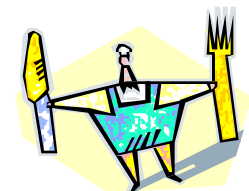
Housing

If you need housing, several motels in or near Gladewater have offered reduced rates for this weekend. Just mention to the front desk clerk that you are attending the United Church of God regional activity. If you need assistance, please see Rochelle Boyce.

Officials/Coaches Meeting

The officiating schedule has been prepared and emailed, but there were several openings—particularly for the adult games tonight. We will have a meeting for all coaches and officials right after services today on the Stage. Please be sure to come to the meeting.

Potluck



We will host a special potluck meal after services **today**. Please join us and enjoy the food and fellowship! We ask that you remove your belongings from the chairs at the back of the hall *immediately* after services so we can set up the tables for the meal. We also ask that you allow our senior citizens to go through the line first, and that children be accompanied through the line by a parent.

Teen Dance Tonight

All teens are invited to the East Texas Teen Dance tonight, **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. All East Texas 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 **tonight**, beginning at 7 p.m. and ending at 10:45 p.m. The teen games **tomorrow**, February 24, will run from 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., with a preteen slot at 10:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 12:45 p.m. Maps and schedules are available at Information.

Concessions

For your convenience, concessions will be available throughout the day on Sunday. A copy of the menu is posted at Information.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Input

The General Conference of Elders will consider five proposed amendments to the Church's governing documents at the annual meeting on Sunday, May 18, 2008. A copy of each amendment is available at Information for your consideration. Anyone wishing to submit a Statement of Concern regarding any of these proposals may do so. Statements of concern are limited to 300 words, and must be **received** by Rick Avent, the Chairman of the Amendment Com-

mittee, on or before **Monday, March 24, 2008**. The address is:

Rick Avent, Chairman
Amendment Committee
17735 W. Colony Way
Baton Rouge, LA 70810-6561

or, you may use the following e-mail address: rick_avent@ucg.org.

Church Directory



Today is the last day to update your information for our local church directory! 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 fill out 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 today, February 23**. You may also return your form to Information. Thank you for your help!

Big Sandy Museum Concert

The Big Sandy Museum Association invites you to its annual benefit concert, *Magic of Music*, next Saturday night, **March 1**, beginning at 7 p.m. at Church of God, Big Sandy.

Treat your family to a special night featuring a variety of music and entertainment. Tickets are \$8 (\$10 at the door) and may be purchased at Austin Bank and First National Bank in Big Sandy. Children 12 and under are free.

Progressive Dinner



Big Sandy will play host for our congregational Progressive Dinner on Saturday night, **March 8**. We have had great participation in the past but this year only **two** families from the Big Sandy area have signed up to host people so far. If you live in the Big Sandy vicinity and would like to host a group in your home for one of the courses, **please** sign the "host list" *today*. There is also a separate list for those who want to participate. If you do **not** live in the Big Sandy area and would like to be included, please sign the "participation" list. We'll all gather at the church hall for the last course, dessert!

Missing Tables

We recently were able to move all our assets over from storage to our building and discovered that we are short two of the plastic 8-ft. tables and two of the 6-ft. laminated tables. If you borrowed any of our tables in the past or know where they are, would you please let Dee Trotter know ASAP? Thanks!

Houston Dinner/Dance

Please join us Saturday evening, **March 8**, for an evening of dinner and dancing at "Giardini di Piazza". We will be having an Italian themed dinner, live music, and fun for the whole "famiglia" (family). As a special treat, we will be having "Dancing with the Deacons" – come out and support the Houston area deacons as they "cut a rug"! Registration should be mailed no later than *Tuesday, February 26*. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Flyers with more details and registration information are available at Information. Grazie!

BUILDING UPDATES

Work Progress

Special thanks to Rod Gehrke and all the volunteers at last Sunday's work party to transfer the rest of the furnishings in the storage warehouse to the building. We still have a few finishing touches to add over the next several 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 \$100. During the month of January, the Building Fund increased by \$14,598.

Our current total of funds collected is \$296,519.

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

PRAYER UPDATES

David Siler (father of Sharon Burgin and Linda Avey), died Wednesday evening, February 20, at his home in Marshall, TX. Visitation will be this evening, February 23, from 6 – 8 p.m. at Downs Funeral Home, 4608 Elysian Fields Road, Marshall, TX. (The phone number is 903-927-1700.) Graveside services will be Sunday at 4 p.m. at Glade water Memorial Cemetery. Your prayers for the comfort of the family would be appreciated.

Sharon & Ken Burgin
397 Pine Road
Big Sandy, TX 75755

Linda & Ron Avey
454 Pine Road
Big Sandy, TX 75755

Pearl Gaumer, 88-year old mother of Roger Gaumer, died a week ago last Friday morning from natural causes. She was an active member of

the Church of God for over 47 years and attended the Canton UCG congregation. The funeral was this past Thursday in Ohio. The family would appreciate your prayers.