

United Church of God, IA-East Texas/Texarkana

Announcements • March 8, 2008

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SABBATH SERVICES

Texarkana – 10 a.m.

Song Leader – Lonnie Neff
Sermon – Ken Treybig

East Texas – 2:30 p.m.

Song Leader – Jim Stewart
Sermon – Ken Treybig

CHURCH HALL NOTES

Beverage Service

Due to other scheduled events this evening, we will only have beverage service (no snacks) before and after services today.

Hall Coordinators Meeting

There will be a meeting of all service area coordinators immediately after services *today*. We appreciate your time and input.

PRETEEN EVENTS

Sabbath School Today

Class will be held **today**, beginning at 2:15 p.m., in order to listen to memory work before our lesson on “*Forgiving One Another*.” Please dress warmly and remember to bring your Bible and notebook. Special snacks will be provided.

Preteen Sleepover

The Preteen Sleepover will be next Saturday night, **March 15**, at the home of Eric and Nancy Case. Anyone age 5 – 11 is invited. For more details, please see Laura Moody *today*!

TEEN EVENTS

Outstanding Student Award

Congratulations to **Cassie Case**, who received the Outstanding Student award at Big Sandy ISD for the Third Six Weeks. A certificate of appreciation was also presented to her by the Big Sandy Chamber of Commerce.

Aluminum Can Fundraiser



We’re going “green”... The teens are collecting aluminum cans for recycling as an ongoing fundraiser. If you can help, please bring your cans to the Kitchen, where a designated trashcan will be located.

Regional Teen Formal

The Dallas, TX congregation will be hosting the *Seventh Annual Teen Formal Dinner & Dance* for the South Central Region on Saturday night, **March 29**. All teens in seventh grade through age 19 are encouraged to attend, and as in previous years, graduating seniors will be honored during dinner with a special presentation. Parents are welcome to attend. This year’s location will be the Radisson Fort Worth South, which is closer to the Fort Worth congregation and the gyms. Full details, as well as online registration, are available at www.ucg-dallas.org/teenformal. **Registration deadline is March 14**. Flyers, maps, and registration forms are also available on the Information Table. We look forward to seeing all of you teens at this very special annual event in Fort Worth. Make your plans now!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Progressive Dinner Tonight

Tonight’s the night – be “progressive” and enjoy the three-course dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. at your assigned homes! It will end with every-

one involved sharing dessert in the church hall starting at 8:15 p.m.

Passover Footwashing

If you need assistance with footwashing for Passover, please sign the list on the Information Table or contact Nancy Worthen.

Daylight Savings Time



It’s time to “spring forward” with the beginning of Daylight Savings Time on Sunday, **March 9**. Remember to set your clocks *ahead* one hour before going to bed tonight.

Basketball

Our next local practice will be **tomorrow**, March 9, from 9 a.m. – 12 noon at the Big Sandy Middle School.

We’ll also practice on March 16 and 22. Fort Worth will host the annual teen formal and the final regional basketball games the weekend of March 29 – 30.

Garage Sale

We are considering holding a garage sale later this month. In preparation for the sale, next week Rochelle Boyce will be sorting and pricing items brought over to the building from our previous sale. If you are able to help some time next week, please contact Rochelle at 903-636-5656 to discuss the date and time.

Mid-Week Bible Study

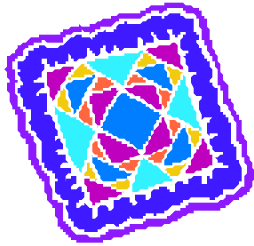
Our next mid-week Bible Study and potluck at the church hall will be this Wednesday, **March 12**, starting at 11 a.m. All are welcome to join us.

Second Radio Interview

Friday evening, **March 14**, senior *Good News* writer Jerold Aust will be interviewed via telephone by Alan Colmes on Fox News Radio for the second time. Mr. Aust has written a number of articles about the history of Easter for us over the years, and the producers of "The Alan Colmes Show" are particularly interested in the history of how Easter came to be celebrated.

Mr. Aust said that he "would very much appreciate the brethren's prayers that it go well so that Christ, His gospel, and His Church would be well represented."

Quilt Return



If you have not already picked up your quilt(s) that were loaned for the recent Teen Dance, please check the table in the back of the Auditorium *today*. Also, all unclaimed serving dishes from the recent potluck are on display as well.

Museum Thank You

The Big Sandy Museum Association extends a thank you to the Master of Ceremonies and all musicians for their participation in the recent benefit concert which raised over \$900 towards their building project.

Lake Hawkins Campout



Back by popular demand is our local church campout at Lake Hawkins, scheduled for Friday night through Sunday morning, **April 4 – 6**. We have the same RV spaces reserved at

the campground that we've had in the past, so let's all gear up for another great campout. Go to the Information Table to find more details and to reserve your spot!

Missing Tables

We are still missing two of the plastic 8-ft. tables and two of the 6-ft. laminate tables from our church inventory. If you borrowed any of our tables in the past or know where they are, please contact Dee Trotter ASAP. Thanks!

Bible Reading Program

Some copies of the March assignments of the "Read the Bible in a Year" program are on the Information Table for those who do not have the Excel file with the full year's schedule.

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 Committee, 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.

BUILDING UPDATES

Building Committee Meeting

The Building Committee met this past Thursday evening to continue their discussion on permanent financing for the building. Based on an excellent offer for 20-year fixed financing, we will be asking the Home Office for approval to borrow more to pave the parking lot and build out the

classrooms in the Multi/Use area. If they approve it, we will still need some continued fundraising and volunteer labor to make those parts of Phase 2 possible.

Work Party

A work party is planned for tomorrow, **March 9**, beginning at 9:30 a.m., to work on some of the remaining punch-out items such as installing the grab bars in the restrooms, vinyl base in the Dogwood Room, do some minor touch-up on walls in the Ladies Restroom, put up some "No Trespassing" signs in the back of the property, start work on shelving in the closets, move items to the front wall area in the M/U end, and do a diluted acid wash on the floor, etc. Then around 4:30 p.m., when the M/U floor is dry, we'll begin to mask off the lines for a basketball and volleyball court in the Multi/Use area. We plan to do the actual painting of the lines early next week, then seal the concrete as soon afterwards as is advisable. We appreciate any help tomorrow morning, evening, or next week.

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

CHURCH BUILDING FUND

Contributions to the Building Fund this past week totaled \$180. During the month of February, the Building Fund increased by \$1,371.

Our current total of funds collected is \$297,175.

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

Your prayers are requested for **Grace Disman** (mother of Roxanna Smith and Rita Crane) of Akron, OH. She had pneumonia last month, but has still not fully recovered and recently had to be admitted to the hospital.