

United Church of God, IA-East Texas/Texarkana

Announcements • March 15, 2008

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SABBATH SERVICES

Texarkana – 10 a.m.

Song Leader – Lonnie Neff
Sermonette – James Neff
Sermon – Ken Treybig

East Texas – 2:30 p.m.

Song Leader – Dick Hegna
Sermonette – Ellis Stewart
Sermon – Ken Treybig

CHURCH HALL NOTES

Sabbath Refreshments

In order to make more room for fellowship with refreshments after services, we have set up a few tables, including a designated children's table, in the Multi/Use area. Seniors, please feel free to continue fellowship at the round table in the back of the Auditorium.

Service Area Coordinators

Please remember to turn in your procedures document to Howard Baker as soon as possible as discussed in our short meeting after services last Sabbath. We appreciate your time and input!

PRETEEN EVENTS

Sabbath School

Our next class will be held the Sabbath of **March 22**, for a lesson on "Self Control." Please meet Laura Moody at the children's snack table in the Multi/Use area after services *today* to pick up the class summary.

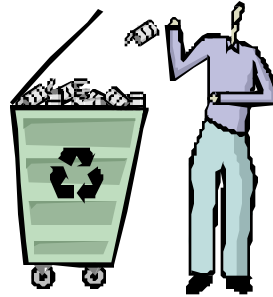
Preteen Sleepover



The Preteen Sleepover: "*You Are the Light of the World*," will be **tonight**, March 15, at the home of Eric and Nancy Case. Anyone age 5 – 11 is invited. The activities will kick off at 6:30 p.m. with a hot dog and chili potluck, followed by games and a campfire. The fun will conclude on Sunday at 10:30 a.m., after a tasty brunch and more activities. So come light the night with us!

TEEN EVENTS

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 are available at www.ucg-dallas.org/teenformal. Flyers and maps 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.

Final Basketball Games

The final basketball games of this season will be in Fort Worth on the weekend of the teen formal. Adults will play on Saturday night and teens and preteens on Sunday. A copy of the preliminary schedule is on the Information Table.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptism

Congratulations to Mark Worthen, who was baptized on March 2. Welcome to the family!

Thanks!

Thanks to all the hosts and participants for a fun Progressive Dinner last Saturday night. The food and fellowship were great!

Food To Go...

If you have not already picked up your serving dishes used in providing outreach for Rochelle Boyce, please check the labeled box in the back of the Auditorium *today*.

Excused Absence Forms

It's time to prepare the excused absence forms for the Spring Holy Days. If you need an excused absence form for work or school, please sign the list on the Information Table (one name per line, please) and we will prepare them to distribute the following Sabbath.

Passover Footwashing

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

Babysitting for Passover

The church will be providing babysitting for those who need their preteen children watched during the Passover service. Please sign the list

on the Information Table if you will be using this service.

Night To Be Observed

Some have asked about having a meal at the church hall for Night to be Observed. After some preliminary discussions about the need for Pass-over footwashing in the M/U end, options for catering or bringing food, and the fact there would need to be setup for the meal on the Sabbath, we will not be having a meal in the hall this year. We will plan to make that available in the future when Night to Be Observed does not fall on a Sabbath evening.

NTBO Restaurant

If you are interested in joining a group at "Currents" in downtown Tyler for the Night to be Observed dinner, please sign the list on the Information Table. If we get 35 people, they will give us the whole top floor of the restaurant. You can talk with Shirley Rampy for more details.

Basketball

Our next local practice will be **tomorrow**, March 16, from 9 a.m. – 12 noon at the Big Sandy Middle School. Due to the Preteen Sleepover, the preteen practice will be canceled. The teens will begin practice at 9 a.m.

We'll also practice on Saturday night, March 22, starting at 8 p.m.

Deacon/Elder Meeting

As a reminder to deacons, elders, and their spouses, our next meeting will be Wednesday, **March 26**, beginning at 7 p.m. at the church hall.

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. Just go to the Information Table to find more details and to reserve your spot!

Local Church Directory

We have a proof copy of the new local church directory on the Information Table. We would like everyone to have an opportunity to review and approve their entry, so please look yours over *today*, making any needed corrections. If it's correct, please put a check mark on it so we know you've seen it.

Garage Sale

We decided to wait on the next garage sale until after Unleavened Bread. Watch for further announcements as we get closer to that time.

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 Financing

We received word this week that the Home Office approved us borrowing more money to be able to pave the parking lot and start work on the classrooms. We are working on the documentation and hope to secure the loan soon. However, we will still need some continued fundraising and volunteer labor to make those parts of Phase 2 possible.

Work Party

Many thanks to the volunteers this past week who helped with some of the remaining punch-out items. We were able to install the grab bars in the restrooms, move all the items in the Multi/Use end to the classroom area, acid wash the floor, and paint most of the lines for a basketball and volleyball court for Family Nights and recreational play. There will not be a work party this Sunday. The rest of the lines are scheduled to be painted on Monday, so we will plan a work party on Wednesday, **March 19**, beginning at 9:30 a.m., to seal the floor in the M/U end and work on more of the punch-out items (touch-up paint, paint closets, cove base in the Dogwood Room, etc.). We would appreciate your help on Wednesday, starting at 9:30 a.m.

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 \$1,194. During the month of February, the Building Fund increased by \$1,371.

Our current total of funds collected is \$298,369.

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

From Jim Servidio, pastor, Houston North, TX:

Over the years many of you have come to know **Mr. Behrman Doucet**, an elder here in Houston North, and his wife, Effie. On Monday, during a heavy rain storm, a large truck lost control and ran head on into the Ford Ranger Behrman was driving. The airbag deployed but his vehicle was demolished. Amazingly Behrman was able to get out of the truck on his own once the ambulance arrived, but does not remember anything thereafter until he woke up in the hospital.

Behrman suffered broken ribs, a punctured lung, a small fracture in his neck and some bleeding in the brain, most likely caused from the jolt rather than a direct blow to the head. He is presently out of ICU and doing fine, but at 81 years of age the doctors are watching him closely. It appears at this point that he just needs the time to recover and he is anxious to get home from Ben Taub Hospital here in Houston; hopefully in a few days. We are all very thankful to God that his injuries were not more serious. Pictures of his truck after the accident are startling. The driver of the other truck was unhurt.

The family wanted to share this circumstance with you and appreciates your remembering him. His address is below for those who would like to write.

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