

United Church of God, IA-East Texas/Texarkana

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SABBATH SERVICES

Texarkana – 10 a.m.

Song Leader – James Neff
Sermonette – Shannon Lucas
Sermon – Ken Treybig

East Texas – 2:30 p.m.

Song Leader – Loren Weinbrenner
Sermonette – John Trotter
Sermon – Ken Treybig

CHURCH HALL NOTES

Cleaning Crews

Help! Volunteers are needed to assist with building cleaning. If you have a few hours to spare about every three weeks, Crews B & C will appreciate your company.

Sign-up sheets for these two crews are on the Information Table. Check the service day and time of each crew and sign up with the one that fits your schedule.

If you cannot be available on a regular basis, but would still like to be of assistance, please sign the "CLEANING ALTERNATE" list. Alternates would fill in for regular crew members when they are ill or otherwise unable to serve. See you on the list!

Service Area Coordinators

Please remember to email your procedures document to Howard Baker as soon as possible. We appreciate your time and input!

Organization Chart Changes

We've recently learned there have been a number of changes of personnel in several of the areas listed on the organizational chart of service areas. If you are a coordinator of an area, please look over the latest list on the Information Table and notify the pastor if there have been changes in the personnel in your service area. Thanks for your help in keeping our information up to date.

Traffic and Personal Safety

There will be a short safety seminar presented by Mr. Stolley on Wednesday, **April 9**, beginning at 7 p.m. The seminar will last about 45 minutes. The topics covered will be traffic (focused on entering and exiting our property) and personal safety.

PRETEEN EVENTS

Sabbath School Today

Class will be held *today* during the sermonette time for a lesson on "Self Control." Please remember to bring your Bible and notebook.

Thanks!

The preteens and parents extend a thank you to the Case family for hosting the Preteen Sleepover last weekend. It was awesome!

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 next 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 presenta-

tion. 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 next weekend, along with the teen formal. Adults will play on Saturday night and teens and preteens on Sunday. We made some adjustments to the adult schedule this week. The teen games are the same. A copy of the updated schedule is on the Information Table.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Local Church Directory



Last call before we go to press...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.

Adult Choir Rehearsal

The choir will be performing special music during the Feast of Unleavened Bread. We'll be scheduling a practice soon. In the meantime, please see Ed Weiss *today* to get a copy of the music and practice CDs.

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 pre-teen 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 Passover 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.

NIBO Restaurant

If you are interested in joining a group at Currents Restaurant in downtown Tyler for the Night to be Observed dinner, please sign the list on the Information Table. We do not yet have the 35 people needed for them to give us the whole top floor of the restaurant. You can talk with Shirley Rampy for more details.

Basketball Tonight

Our next local practice will be *tonight*, **March 22**, starting at 8 p.m. in the Multi/Use area of our building. The preteens and girls will practice at 8 p.m., both boys teams at 9 p.m., and adults at 10 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!

BUILDING UPDATES

Building Financing

We are working on the final documentation to borrow more money to be able to pave the parking lot and start work on the classrooms. We hope to secure the approved 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 finish the painting of the court lines and applied several coats of concrete sealer in the M/U area. Other items that were taken care of this week include installing the rest of the hooks in the toilet partitions, touch up painting in the restrooms and most closets, planting the two front "islands" on either end of the building, replacing the HVAC filters in the Auditorium, and getting the alarm company to replace the faulty motion detector in the Lobby.

We still have a few punch-out items (cove base in the Dogwood Room, shelving in the closets, protective kick plates on a few doors, etc.). Please watch for a future announcement of when we will be able to have another work party to finish these items.

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 \$370. During the month of February, the Building Fund increased by \$1,371.

Our current total of funds collected is \$298,739.

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 **Neil Crane**, who will be having knee surgery next Friday, March 28, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Longview. The recovery is expected to take several weeks.

Your continued prayers are appreciated for **Schellea Holmes** (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Lucas) of the Indianapolis congregation. She was admitted to the hospital last week with elevated blood pressure and slurred speech.

From Jim Servidio, pastor, Houston North, TX:

Thanks for your prayers for **Mr. Behrman Doucet**, 81-year-old elder in Houston. He is home recovering from the injuries of a head-on collision when a truck lost control and ran into him. His punctured lung is doing well and he's able to walk with a walker. He is understandably very sore and bruised, and is grateful for your continued prayers.

Behrman Doucet
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