

United Church of God, IA-East Texas/Texarkana

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SABBATH SERVICES

Texarkana – 10 a.m.

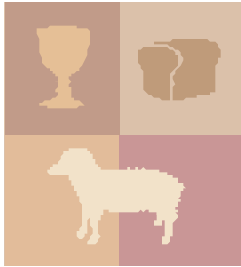
Song Leader – Lonnie Neff
Sermonette – Lonnie Neff
Sermon – James Neff

East Texas – 2:30 p.m.

Song Leader – Ed Weiss
Sermonette – Loren Weinbrenner
Sermon – Les McCullough

April 18..... Passover
April 19..... NTBMO
April 20..... 1st Holy Day of UB
April 26..... Last Holy Day of UB

SPRING HOLY DAYS



Passover

The Passover service will be held on Friday evening, **April 18**, beginning at 8 p.m. at the hall. In Texarkana, we will meet at the regular Hebron hall.

Night to be Much Observed

The Night To Be Much Observed is Saturday night, **April 19**. Everyone is encouraged to make their own plans to share that evening meal with other members.

If you are interested in joining a group at Currents Restaurant in downtown Tyler, 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. Please contact Shirley Rampy for more details.

There are two sign-up lists on the Information Table—one for those still needing a place to go and another for those who have room for more.

Feast of Unleavened Bread

We will have combined services for the First Day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, Sunday, **April 20**, beginning at 2:30 p.m. at the hall. Services for the Last Day of Unleavened Bread, Sabbath, **April 26**, will also be combined at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. at the hall. There will be a potluck meal between services.

CHURCH HALL NOTES

Sabbath Refreshments

In order to make more room in the Auditorium for fellowshiping 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 fellowshiping at the round table in the back of the Auditorium.

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!

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.

Service Area Coordinators

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

Traffic and Personal Safety

There will be a short safety seminar presented by Mr. Stolley on Wednesday, **April 9**, beginning at 7 p.m. at the hall. 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 "Repentance." Please remember to bring your Bible and notebook.

TEEN EVENTS

Regional Teen Formal

The Dallas, TX congregation is hosting the *Seventh Annual Teen Formal Dinner & Dance* for the South Central Region this weekend. Wishing all the teens a special night as well as fun during the final regional basketball games on Sunday.

Car Wash Fundraiser



There will be a car wash fundraiser for the teens on Sunday, **April 13**. Watch for more details!

YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

Kansas City Singles

Kansas City will be hosting a Labor Day singles and couples weekend August 29th to September 1st. The theme for the weekend is "Transformation Training"—*Christian Living is More Than Meets the Eye!* More information is available on the Information Table as well as the Web site: <http://kc2008transformation.com>.

Challenger II Web Site Correction

The Challenger II Wind Rivers Wilderness Expedition for young adults is set for July 20 – 28. The application deadline is May 1st. For application forms, see the Web site at: members.ucg.org/challenger.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birth Announcement

We're happy to welcome Skyla Ray Crist into the world. She made her entrance at 4:04 p.m. on Monday, March 24, weighing in at 7 pounds 8 ounces and measuring 21" long. Both baby and mother are fine. The Crists and the Waldings would like to thank everyone for their prayers.

Excused Absence Forms

It's time to prepare the excused absence forms for the Spring Holy Days. Even though all the Spring Holy Days are on weekends, some may still need an excused absence form for work or school. If you need one, 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 pre-teen children watched during the Passover service. Please sign the list on the Information Table if you will be using this service.

Church Brunch

In lieu of our annual church picnic, the social committee has planned a church-wide brunch at Lake Hawkins next Sabbath, **April 5**. All brethren are invited to come enjoy the Sabbath morning outdoors with your church family, with brunch starting around 10 a.m. Please bring either a breakfast casserole or fruit platter. There will be a \$1 per person entrance fee to get in the park. Look for the group on the right after you come in the main entrance. Hope to see you there!

Lake Hawkins Campout



We're looking forward to our church campout at Lake Hawkins next weekend, beginning Friday evening, April 4, and ending Sunday, April 6. There's still room for more campers if you want to come. Sign the list on the Information Table TODAY so you can be included in the planning. We'll be having our church-wide brunch Sabbath morning around 10, followed by a service/study starting around 12 Noon. Everyone is welcome to come by anytime during the weekend. There is a visitor entrance fee of \$1 per person per day. See ya at the park!

Adult Choir Rehearsal

The choir will have a practice on Monday, **April 7**, beginning at 7 p.m. at the hall, in preparation for performing special music during the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Please see Ed Weiss *today* to get a copy of the music and practice CDs.

Feast of Tabernacles Registration

The Feast of Tabernacles registration form is in the March/April 2008 issue of the *United News*. Registration forms are to be turned in to our local festival advisers, James Neff

(Texarkana) or Eric Case (East Texas), on the Sabbaths of **April 12, 19, and 26**.



The *Festival Planning Brochure* will be distributed by late April. May 10 is the date for notification at Sabbath services if any sites cannot accept all transfer requests. Housing reservations can be made beginning June 1.

BUILDING UPDATES

Work Party

This week, in addition to a few smaller items, more work was done to install shelving in the closets, the brick by the entry doors was acid washed, the drain cleanouts were cut off, capped, and concreted in place, and the water heater overflow drain was finished. We're now ready for landscaping next to the front of the building. Please watch for a future announcement of when we will be able to have another work party to finish more punch-out items.

We also signed a loan agreement at the bank for more construction loan funds while we wait for the permanent financing to be finalized. That will allow us to now finish the portico and get "in the queue" for paving the drives and parking lots.

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 \$79. During the month of February, the Building Fund increased by \$1,371.

Our current total of funds collected is \$298,818.

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 continued prayers are requested for **Neil Crane**, who had knee surgery on Friday at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Longview. The recovery is expected to take several weeks.

Shirley Rampy was taken to the Emergency Room at Mother Francis on Thursday. It was thought she was having a stroke, but an MRI showed no serious problems so she was released to go home. Thank you for your prayers.