

United Church of God, IA-East Texas/Texarkana

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SABBATH SERVICES

Texarkana – 10 a.m.

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

East Texas – 2:30 p.m.

Song Leader – Mark Weiss
Sermonette – Ed Weiss
Sermon – Frank McCrady

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 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. If you plan to go, please meet with Shirley Rampy in the Multi/Use area **right after services today** to finalize your menu choice.

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

Traffic and Personal Safety

There will be a short safety seminar presented by Mr. Stolley next 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.

Special Cleaning Day

In preparation for the Spring Holy Days, a thorough cleaning of the church building is planned for Sunday, **April 13**, beginning at 9 a.m. Volunteers are needed to help the cleaning crews clean the building and prepare chairs for the footwashing service. Thanks for your help!

Sabbath Refreshments

In order to make more room in the Auditorium for fellowshiping with refreshments after services, we have set up a few tables for families and children in the Multi/Use area. Seniors, please feel free to continue fellowshiping at the two round tables in the back of the Auditorium.

PRETEEN EVENTS

Sabbath School

Class will be canceled *today* due to the church campout. Class will resume next Sabbath, April 12.

TEEN EVENTS

Car Wash Fundraiser



There will be a car wash fundraiser for the teens on Sunday, **April 13**, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot of the Gladewater office of Vital Earth.

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

Church Brunch

In lieu of our annual church picnic, the social committee has planned a church-wide brunch at Lake Hawkins on **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



Our church campout at Lake Hawkins continues through Sunday morning. Everyone is welcome to come by anytime during the weekend. There is a visitor entrance fee of \$1 per person per day. Look for the group on the right after you enter the main entrance. See ya at the park!

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 *today* if you will be using this service.

Adult Choir Rehearsal

The choir will have a practice next 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

Festival registration begins next Sabbath, April 12, and continues the following two Sabbaths of April 19

and 26, as well as the First Day of Unleavened Bread, April 20. The current March/April 2008 issue of the *United News* is the festival edition listing all sites sponsored by the United Church of God. This issue has the registration form which is to be turned in to our local festival advisers, James Neff (Texarkana) or Eric Case (East Texas). Copies of the registration form were emailed this week, and are also available on the Information Table.



We anticipate everybody will be approved to their first choice, however Hawaii, Panama City Beach, and Steamboat Springs remain restricted sites and there is a potential to be denied. 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 work was done to mount the speakers in the front of the hall now that we've been able to test the location for a while. Please watch for a future announcement of when we will be able to have another work party to prepare for the paving and finish more punch-out items.

We are in the queue for paving the drives and parking lots, but due to all the rain the past week the estimated time for our paving has been moved back a 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 \$465. During the month of March, the Building Fund increased by \$1,823.

Our current total of funds collected is \$299,283.

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

Susan Clopton, daughter of Margaret Smith, died unexpectedly this past Tuesday after a bout with pneumonia. The family would appreciate your prayers for comfort.

Neil Crane is still dealing with some pain after his surgery, but is improving. He's able to do some rehab at home and can get around now with crutches. He has a follow-up appointment this Wednesday when he'll get more information. He is very grateful for the prayers, cards, and support he's been shown.

Shirley Rampy really appreciates all the prayers during her difficulty last week.

Dr. Don Ward had back surgery last Thursday to repair some bone spurs and other issues with his back. He is slowly improving and has an appointment next week to remove the stitches. The Wards deeply appreciate your prayers.