

United Church of God, IA-East Texas/Texarkana

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SABBATH SERVICES

Texarkana – 4 p.m.

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

East Texas – 2:30 p.m.

Song Leader – John Flynn
Sermonette – Jack Elliott
Sermon – Les McCullough

April 19 NTBMO

April 20 1st Holy Day of UB

April 26 Last Holy Day of UB

SPRING HOLY DAYS



Night To Be Much Observed

Wishing everyone a memorable evening **tonight** for The Night To Be Much Observed. If for some unforeseen reason your plans have fallen through at the last minute, please contact Lupe and Joanne Gonzalez *immediately*. They will be hosting a small gathering and may be able to accommodate you.

Feast of Unleavened Bread

We will have combined services for the First Day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, tomorrow, **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. Please bring two of the following food items: meat dish, vegetable dish, salad, or unleavened dessert. Also, be sure to label

your serving dishes. Thanks for your help!

CHURCH HALL NOTES

Parking and Drives



We were blessed with good weather this week allowing us to have the paving done. As of the time to print this, it was “touch go” as to whether both parking lots as well as the drives would be able to be finished before Passover. Any area not paved will be blocked off and will have oil on it, so you’ll definitely want to avoid driving on that so you don’t get it all over your vehicle.

In the areas that are paved, we would appreciate your help in a few things since the paving is fresh. During its curing (about two weeks), it is important to note that ladies should *not* wear spike heels. They will punch right into the paving, perhaps causing you to fall and/or damaging your heels. Also, we ask that all drivers make gradual turns and avoid turning your wheels while standing still as those actions will tear up the paving.

We’re thrilled to have the paving and appreciate your help in making sure it cures properly so it will last us a long time.

Trash Pickup Assistance

Trash removal is included in our bill to the city of Big Sandy. We have been allowing the garbage trucks to enter our parking lot and drive up to the large rolling container near the back of the building. However, those heavy trucks are notorious for tearing

up parking lots. Therefore we need to change our procedure and begin taking the trash down to the street for pickup, and we’re looking for volunteers to roll it out on Monday nights. If you can help, please let Mr. Stewart know.

Coffee Service

Please note that due to the NTBMO this evening, we will only have the coffee service available before and after services today.

Helping Hands

Thanks for all the help last Sunday for the thorough cleaning of the building. Many hands made the load light..er!

PRETEEN EVENTS

Sabbath School

Class will be held **today** for a lesson covering the Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread. Please remember to bring your Bible and notebook.

Next Sabbath, April 26, class will be canceled due to the High Day.

YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

United Youth Corps Projects

United Youth Corps is offering a unique opportunity lasting about 10 months in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Four qualified young adults are needed to volunteer as student teachers at the Amman Baccalaureate School and assisting with teaching the handicapped at the YMWA Centre for Special Education. Each project will last from late August 2008 through June of 2009. This is a very special opportunity. Any interested young adult should get a copy of the fact sheets that detail the project, participation requirements, length of stay, and costs. Applications are also available. Deadline for submitting applications is May 1, 2008.

Challenger II Expedition

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.

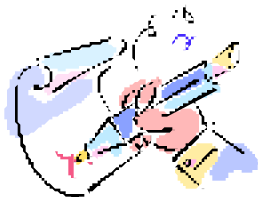
GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Choir Run-Through Today

The adult choir will have a short run-through right after services *today* in preparation for performing special music on the Last Day of Unleavened Bread.

Feast of Tabernacles Registration

Registration for the Feast of Tabernacles continues **today** and next Sabbath, **April 26**. 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 recently, and are also available on the Information Table.



Successful planning for the Feast by Church staff is dependent upon accurate numbers of attendees in advance of the Feast. Therefore, we ask all heads of households to turn in a registration form between now and April 26. 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 the drives and parking lots were graded and watered in, then primed with oil to make the paving stick better. Paving started on Thursday and if the Thursday night rains prevented finishing it all, the rest will be paved early next week. In addition, mop and broom hangers were installed in the Custodial Closet and the commercial baby changing stations were mounted in the handicapped toilet stalls in both the Ladies and Gentlemen's restrooms.

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

During the month of March, the Building Fund increased by \$1,823.

Our current total of funds collected is \$299,353.

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

An update from Mr. Behrman Doucet of the Houston North congregation:

“I want to thank very deeply all of God's people who prayed for me after my near fatal accident. And for all the caring cards. They meant so much at a dark hour. God has answered in a miraculous way. I have been recuperating at home for the last two weeks and improving very rapidly. I plan to take the first Passover. I am still trying to find the answer to the lesson I need to learn from that accident. Don't we all feel that way at times? We all may have different answers and all be

right. Who knows the power of prayer? The answer is in James 5:16.

Again, thanks to God's mercy and the prayers of His servants.”

Your prayers are requested for **Mr. Ron Feaker**, who recently had surgery for a torn aorta resulting from an aneurysm. He is in Surgical ICU at Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler.