

# United Church of God, IA-East Texas/Texarkana Announcements • May 10, 2008

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## SABBATH SERVICES

### Texarkana – 10 a.m.

Song Leader – Ken Treybig  
Split Sermon – James Neff  
Bible Study – Ken Treybig

### East Texas – 2:30 p.m.

Song Leader – Neil Crane  
Split Sermon – Dael Baughman  
Bible Study – Ken Treybig

## PRETEEN EVENTS

### Sabbath School Today

Class will be held *today* during the Bible Study to begin our review of this year's theme, "Finding Great Treasure." We'll also begin working on our presentation on Pentecost. Please remember to bring your Bible and notebook. Special snacks will be provided.

### 2008 Preteen Camp



Applications for our Houston Preteen Camp are now available online for campers as well as teen and adult volunteers. Camp this year will be held at High Pockets Ranch in Montgomery, TX from **June 15 – 18**. We are the first-time users of this brand new facility owned and operated by longtime members Paul & Christine Whitley and family! With superb facilities and dozens of preteens from across our region eager to come to camp, we are anticipating another outstanding camp this year. Activities will include swimming, fishing, kayaking/canoeing, arts & crafts, Christian Living, recreation, music, archery/riflery (optional) as well as Camp Olympics and our traditional talent

show, along with the chance to spend four days together living God's way!

Please go to [www.ucg-houston.org/preteen-camp](http://www.ucg-houston.org/preteen-camp) to download applications. The due date for applications is Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. The cost for camp is \$200 per camper/\$150 for 2<sup>nd</sup> camper/\$100 for 3<sup>rd</sup> (or more) campers per family. If anyone would like to offer a scholarship for a camper or know of a camper who needs financial assistance to attend camp, please see Mr. Treybig. We look forward to seeing you at "Camp High Pockets Ranch"!

## TEEN EVENTS

### Teen Trip

The date for the teen trip was modified at the last teen Bible Study to avoid the busy Memorial Day weekend. The camping trip to Beaver's Bend has been rescheduled for **June 19 – 22**.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Wedding Thank You

"Thank you for sharing our joy at the wedding last weekend. It was made so much more beautiful because you were there. And we were overwhelmed by the many volunteers who chipped in throughout the busy days and weeks prior. We are left with many happy memories. Again, thank you all so much."

*The Flynns and Jenisons*

### Bible Reading Program

Some copies of the May 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 Bible Study Today

We hope you'll join us *today* for our congregational Bible Study as we re-

view Fundamental Beliefs #6 and #7, "The Sacrifice of Christ" and "Three Days and Three Nights."

### Happy Mother's Day!



We wish all our special mothers a special and wonderful day **tomorrow**, May 11.

### Early Housing Reservations

For those that qualify for early housing for the Feast of Tabernacles and you are attending your local or assigned site, you may begin making reservations on Monday, **May 12**.

If you qualify for early housing and are transferring, you may begin making reservations on Monday, **May 19**.

If you have a need to make early housing reservations, please consult with your pastor or festival adviser to review the guidelines.

For those transferring to Bend/Redmond, Jekyll Island, Kerrville, Steamboat Springs, and Branson, there are some hotels which require a pass code for early reservations. Please see your pastor or festival adviser for these pass codes.

The general membership begins housing reservations on Sunday, **June 1<sup>st</sup>**.

### Feast Transfers

Festival registration has been tabulated and unfortunately some members applying to Panama City Beach and Hawaii will need to make a second choice. If you applied to transfer to one of those sites, please see your festival adviser *today*. All other sites (except Branson) remain open and available for transfers. If you applied to transfer to any other U.S. or Cana-

dian site, your transfer has been approved.

### Mid-Week Bible Study

Our next mid-week Bible Study and potluck at the church hall will be on Wednesday, **May 14**, starting at 11 a.m. All are welcome to join us.

### GCE Weekend

Please note we will have combined services next Sabbath, **May 17**, at the church hall. We'll connect to services in Cincinnati for the General Conference of Elders weekend, so services will begin at 1 p.m. We plan to have video through an Internet cybercast, so please plan to be in your seats about 10 minutes early so we can darken the Auditorium and test the connection.

The GCE will run May 17 – 19. Your prayers for God's direction and guidance are deeply appreciated.

### Second Passover

The second Passover this year will be observed on Sunday evening, **May 18**. If anyone needs to take it, please contact Mr. Treybig.

### Garage Sale Fundraiser

We're planning another great garage sale on Friday, **May 30**, at the church hall. Now is the time to clear out your closets and garage! Please contact Rochelle Boyce if you can help with setup or work the day of the sale. We'll have more details next week. Thanks so much for your contributions, and remember, all proceeds benefit our local building fund!

### World News & Prophecy Seminar

There will be a WN & P Seminar on the Sabbath of **May 31** in Moore, OK, a southeastern suburb of Oklahoma City. We will be meeting at the Brand Senior Center, 501 E. Main Street, in Moore. Melvin Rhodes and Robin Webber will be our guest speakers for the day. Sabbath Services will begin at 10:30 a.m., lunch at 12:30 p.m., and afternoon services at 2:30 p.m. We will be offering a catered luncheon of sliced turkey, sliced roast beef, Kaiser rolls, cheese, pasta salad, potato salad, assorted chips, assorted cakes, coffee,

tea and all the fixings (tomatoes, lettuce, onion etc). The cost is \$11 per person age 8 and over. Children age 6 – 7 are half price, \$5.50. (There is no cost for children age 5 and under.) Payment for the luncheon should be postmarked no later than May 21 and checks should be made payable to "UCG-OKC" and sent to Janice Burton, 117 Bradford Place, Midwest City, OK 73130. If you plan to attend, it would be appreciated if you could notify Mark Welch at [mark\\_welch@ucg.org](mailto:mark_welch@ucg.org).

### Women's Day Event



Attention all women! The young adult women will be hosting a *Women's Day* on Sunday, **June 22**, at the church hall. The activities will include a few presentations given by some of our older women, followed by multiple training sessions taught by our older women to share with the younger women of the church.

If you have an idea to present at the *Women's Day* or a talent you would like to share, please sign the lists on the Information Table. There are two sign-up lists – one for presentations and one for demonstrations. Please don't hesitate to sign these! Our young women are very interested to learn some of the talents of our congregation. For more details, please stop by the Information Table or contact Scarlet Ellis.

### BUILDING UPDATES

#### Work Party

We're planning a work party on Monday, **May 12**, starting at 9 a.m. to do more work on the "punch list" items that are still pending.

We're also planning to start framing the additional rooms for Phase 2 on Sunday, **May 18**, beginning at 8 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 \$573, which includes \$219 from card and craft sales. During the month of April, the Building Fund increased by \$6,527.

Our current total of funds collected is \$305,918.

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

**Peggy Stolley** is grateful to report that the CT-Scan revealed there is no mass or cancer. Peggy and Lee are thankful to God and to you brothers and sisters in Christ for your prayers!

Pat Creech's mom, **Jane Creech**, died last Sunday about 9 p.m. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Pat would appreciate your prayers for God's comfort.

Please remember **Mrs. Pyle**. The last doctor visit indicated there was still some fluid in her lung, so she would appreciate your continued prayers.

The family really appreciates your prayers for **Mr. Ron Feaker**. He was able to be released from the hospital on Monday. He still has some rehab work to do, but has done well in his recovery.