

United Church of God, IA-East Texas/Ruston/Texarkana

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SABBATH SERVICES

Texarkana – 10:00 p.m.

Song Leader – Lonnie Neff
Sermonette – Lonnie Neff
Sermon – Bill Johnson

Ruston – 1:00 p.m.

(Howard Johnson's)
Song Leader – Johnny Callender
Sermonette – Chris Teague
Sermon – Steve McNeely

East Texas – 2:30 p.m.

Song Leader – Shannon Lucas
Sermonette – Reese Brown
Sermon – Clyde Kilough-Video

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Warm Welcome to the Johnsons

Please join us for a reception after services today in East Texas for the family of Mr. Bill Johnson, new Assistant Pastor in our church circuit. Thanks for your help in welcoming Bill & Dawn Johnson and their children, Wesley, Jonathan, Astri, and Esther to our area. Also please sign the card on the Information Table for them.



Mid-Week Bible Study

Our next mid-week Bible study and potluck will be this Wednesday, June 17 at 11:00 a.m. in the classroom. All are welcome.

Phone/Email Notifications

In order to ensure that everyone receives local updates and special announcements we are changing our emergency contact system. Everyone that has an email address will receive all future notifications via email. If you have email, but need to be called instead of emailed, please contact Mr.

John Trotter, Mr. James Neff, or Mr. Ken Collinworth. Once we have that system in place we will arrange for those on the "call" list to be contacted by phone when a message (other than the weekly Pastor's Update) is sent through the local congregation Webmail system. We will arrange another system to ensure that those attending regularly receive a printed copy of the weekly Pastor's Update.

Ocoee Rafting Trip

The Chattanooga congregation will be hosting the annual white water Ocoee rafting trip on Sunday, August 2nd at 10:00 am. Participants must be at least 12 years old (Tennessee law) and in good health. Those under 18 will need a parent or legal guardian's signature before they can participate.

We have reserved a block of rafting spots. In order to guarantee that you have a seat please send a signed liability waiver and a check payable to the United Church of God, Cleveland for \$26 per person by July 15th to Allen Dance, 9201 Cobblestone Hill Drive, Ooltewah, TN, 37363. If you have any questions please contact Allen Dance at (423) 855-0868 or email him at alldance@hotmail.com.

Library Notes

Effective Speaking by Dale Carnegie is this week's featured book in the library. Carnegie began teaching his first public speaking course in 1912. In those days public speaking was regarded as an art, rather than a skill. As the average business man did not aim to become an orator with a silver tongue, but merely to express himself with more ease and self-confidence Carnegie's courses were immediately successful because they gave these men the results they wanted. This book is a good help for those interested in speaking and has much to give. However, Carnegie was teaching men of the world, and many of his

techniques were designed to manipulate people in the way the speaker wanted to influence them. As godly men, this is not our motive. We are not trying to "win friends and influence people", but rather to serve and to inform.

BUILDING UPDATES

Building Fund Contributions

Our current total of funds collected is \$351,277.

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 REQUESTS

Charles Neff (Texarkana) had surgery on Wednesday and the surgeon said he was pleased with how it went. Charles would appreciate your continued prayers.

Your prayers are requested for 17-year-old **Katelyn Parent** of the Nashville, TN congregation. She was hit in the eye by an exploding firecracker this week. Specialists are trying to determine the extent of the damage to decide on the exact treatment. The family would appreciate your prayers for God's mercy and intervention.

Chevy Vulchev of the Dallas congregation asks for your continued prayers for Chevy. Two years ago Chevy was diagnosed with lymphoma and has been in remission for 19 months. However, Chevy has had some increased symptoms for a few weeks that are of great concern: pain and numbness in his neck, shoulders, and arms, fatigue. Please pray that God guides the doctors to diagnosis and treat Chevy's latest symptoms, to relieve his discomforts, and heal him.