

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

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SABBATH SERVICES

Texarkana – 10:00 p.m.

Song Leader – Ken Treybig
Split Sermon – Reese Brown
Bible Study – Ken Treybig

Ruston – 1:00 p.m.

(Howard Johnson's)
Song Leader – Harold Butler
Sermonette – Johnny Callender
Sermon – Steve Wood

East Texas – 2:30 p.m.

Song Leader – Steve McNeely
Split Sermon – John Trotter
Bible Study – Ken Treybig

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptism This Week

We're happy to announce the baptism of Melea Martin this past Thursday evening at her parents' home in Ruston. Welcome to the spiritual family!

Building Maintenance

We'd like to announce an email address to report maintenance issues for our building. We want to make sure things don't "fall through the cracks" so we would appreciate you using the following email address to report them: UCGBuilding@gmail.com.

Children at Services

We are a family-friendly congregation and we love the energy that comes with having many children of all ages among us. However, as we've used the building we have become aware of some areas where we need help from the parents. Although all the adults are willing to assist your children, they are each parent's responsibility.

As we've mentioned before, the stage (and stairs) are off limits to children unless they have something they are practicing for. The Family Room and Multi-Use area are the places they should be visiting, coloring or playing before or after services. The Family Room was designed with a large win-

dow so that parents could still fellowship in the entry/foyer/lobby but at least one parent should be nearby. Before leaving books, puzzles and games should be put back where they belong

The Mother's Room is for mothers attending to the needs of infants and small children. That room is often used for putting children to sleep and is a quiet place. Please help teach your older children to stay out of that room.

Please also teach your children that the large plants are not a place to hide or run around. We remember how hard it is to slow children down but running is not appropriate at church so they must be taught *why*.

We all appreciate the wonderful blessing of having our own building and we want to consider the *needs* and *safety* of everyone.

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 Collinsworth. 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.

BUILDING UPDATES

Building Fund Contributions

This week the building fund received \$95. Our current total of funds collected is \$351,372.

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

The last three days **Lauren Graham** (young adult in Illinois who was in an auto accident) has taken some steps backwards in her healing. Doctors say that is often the case with brain trauma. She is a bit less responsive and brain waves have slowed down in the frontal lobe indicating there is some damage there as well that is trying to heal. Her heartbeat also remains elevated. The family would appreciate prayer that the frontal lobe area would heal quickly so she can come back "online".

Thank you for all the prayers for **Fred Patton**, the last procedure he had done for the pain in his back, hip and down his leg has helped quit a bit. Thank you all for all your prayers for the last six months, I don't know how we would have gotten through without you. God answered our prayers.

The Pattons would also to ask you to keep praying for their son in law, **Alfred Lopez**, The Dr's have finally diagnosed his problem. He has Ryders Syndrome, which is reactionary Arthritis resulting from an infection.