

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

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SABBATH SERVICES

Texarkana – 10:00 a.m.

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

Ruston – 1:00 p.m.

Song Leader – Johnny Callender
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Sermon – Ken Collinsworth

East Texas – 2:30 p.m.

Song Leader – Richard Hegna
Sermonette – Ed Weiss
Sermon – Mike Blackwell

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's a Boy!

Toby and Jean Shipman are thrilled to announce the arrival of their grandson, Jasper Owen Eaton. Their daughter, Lis, gave birth on July 1 at 3:30 a.m. "Little" Jasper weighed in at 10.5 lbs and 21 inches long. Mom and baby are both doing well and grandma and grandpa can't wait to get home to see him!

Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

We're getting a group together to go see the Texas Rangers play the Seattle Mariners on Sunday August 2 at 7:05 p.m. We have a limited quantity of half price tickets, so prices are \$3 and up. There is a sign up list at the Information Center. Please see Jim Moody or Lupe Gonzalez if you have any questions!



Exercise Sign-Up Sheets Available

Are you ready to exercise? The sign up list is now available at the information center to get input on getting an exercise program started at the church building.

Update on Teen Camps

Camp Pinecrest ended on Thursday, Woodmen ends on Sunday, and two more begin on Sunday—Carter and

Hye Sierra. So far we have been extremely blessed with safety and co-operative campers and staff as we focus on the Christian Living theme of 'Insight Today: Leadership Tomorrow'. We would appreciate your prayers for God's blessing on the camps beginning on Sunday.

Kerrville Feast

The Kerrville, TX feast site is in need of volunteers to help with the audio/visual operations.

If you are currently registered for Kerrville and are qualified to help in these areas, please e-mail the department head of technical operations, Jose Rodriguez at jose@andcomp.com and give him your qualifications and how you may be reached. Your help will be much appreciated.

Prophetic Times

After this week Mr. Tuck will be away from home for Camp Hye Sierra and some vacation time so the next Prophetic Times will not come out until August.

Weekly Announcement Procedure

Just a reminder that weekly announcements are e-mailed to the congregation on Fridays and printed announcements are available each Sabbath. If you would like to submit an announcement, please e-mail Kelli Hogg at kellihogg@gmail.com before 5:00 on Thursdays. New to the congregation? Be sure to send Kelli your e-mail address and she will add you to the weekly list!

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 window 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.

BUILDING UPDATES

Building Fund Contributions

This week the building fund received \$660. Our current total of funds collected is \$352,032.

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

Kristy Crawford's mom, **Judy Goss**, died this week after a battle with cancer. The funeral was

Thursday. Thank you for your prayers and concern for the family.

This week **Lauren Graham** was moved to Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago (RIC) where she will be for several weeks. Every day continues to have its ups and down. She is getting stronger physically (though she is instructed to put no weight at all on the repaired left foot for six weeks) but she has still been unable to talk. She was slow to talk as a baby, so they are hoping that will come back before long. She is also having trouble reading and writing. So the neurological progress seems slow to the family. However they are extremely grateful for God's blessings and for all the prayers and concern that have been shown them. They ask for continued prayers for Lauren's complete recovery.

Peter Eddington of the home office media department came back last week from filming in Africa for the Feast Film. Since then he came down with a very high fever and severe back and neck pains. He remains hospitalized and would appreciate prayers for a quick recovery as he has a family wedding coming up next week.