

United Church of God, IA-East Texas/Texarkana

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SABBATH SERVICES

Song Leader – Mark Weiss
Sermonette – Shannon Lucas
Sermon – Ken Treybig
Texarkana – 10 a.m.
Song Leader – Lonnie Neff
Sermonette – Morris Foster
Sermon – Ken Treybig

WEEKLY HALL SCHEDULE

July 21, Big Sandy HS..... 2:30 pm
July 28, Big Sandy HS..... 2:30 pm
August 4, Gladewater HS..... 2:30 pm
August 11, Gladewater HS.... 2:30 pm

PRETEEN EVENTS

Middle-of-Summer Splash



Attention parents and preteens! Please sign the list on the Information Table *today* if you are interested in going to Splash Kingdom Waterpark in Canton, TX next Wednesday, **July 18**, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Splash Kingdom offers many great water attractions, including a 17,000 sq. ft. wave pool, 900 ft. long lazy river, awesome water-slides, and a children's pool with a fun castle. Splash Kingdom also offers an indoor glow-in-the-dark 3D miniature golf course for those who need a break from the water fun. If you'd like more information about the facility, please visit www.splashkingdomwaterpark.com.

We will *not* be providing chaperones for this activity, so all preteens must be accompanied by a responsible adult in order to attend.

The estimated cost for this activity will be \$7.50 for each preteen and \$12 for each adult, if we have a group of at least 15. Bring your swim shoes and let's go make a splash!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parenting Class

The next class of "Growing Kids God's Way" will be Friday night, **July 20**, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the home of John and Dee Trotter.

Congregational Bible Study

We'll have another congregational Bible Study next Sabbath, **July 21**. We hope you'll join us.

Garage Sale Fundraiser



For your planning purposes, our next garage sale will be in Big Sandy on Friday, **July 27**, with all proceeds benefiting our local building fund. We'll soon have the exact delivery schedule.

Please be gathering your items now and make sure they are clean. For any mechanical or electronic items, please note whether or not they work. Contact Rochelle Boyce at 903-636-5656 if you have any questions or would like to help.

White Water Rafting

The Cleveland, TN congregation will be hosting the annual white water Ocoee rafting trip on Sunday, **August 5**, at 11 a.m. As in prior years, the church will be utilizing the services of Ocoee Inn Rafting as outfitters for the trip. Participants must be at least 12 years old (Tennessee law) and in good

health. Those with bad backs or other similar injuries should not participate due to the strenuous and jarring nature of the activity. Due to the inherent risky activity, all participants must sign a liability waiver. 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 \$25 per person to the following address: Allen Dance, 9201 Cobblestone Hill Drive, Ooltewah, TN 37363.

Please clearly identify each participant, church area, and a phone number where you can be contacted. We must have your deposit to reserve you a spot. Response has been slow this year – now is the time to reserve your spot. This activity takes place regardless of the weather. If you have any questions, please contact Allen Dance at (423) 855-0868 or email him at allendance@hotmail.com.

Camping and cabin facilities are available in the area. The Church does not sponsor a group campsite, but individual families are welcome to take advantage of the opportunities to camp at their own risk if they so desire. Mr. Bruce Gore will once again conduct a Camp Bible Study on the Sabbath in the Chilhowee Recreation Area.

More detailed information on camping, housing facilities, and church ser-

vices is available on the Information Table.

BUILDING UPDATES

Work Progress



This week work continued on the HVAC, sheetrocking, and the electrical. In addition, the damper was installed in the front wall to provide cross ventilation in the M/U end and trimmed with the same tubular aluminum material to match the other window columns, the 'commercial ready' vent hood was installed, tubular aluminum was used to fix the left door canopy on the front of the building, bracing was installed for the chandelier in the entry, and one room was taped and bedded to check the quality of the contractor's work.

Our next bricking work party to continue on the columns beside the entry doors is scheduled for a week from tomorrow, Sunday, **July 22**.

We're spending a lot of money quickly now since we're using more contractors, so we really appreciate those who are making monthly donations to the fund right along with those who have been volunteering their labor and helping with fundraisers!

Check out the latest building photos on our local Web site at <http://www.ucgeasttexas.org/cpg/home/index.php> along with the link at <http://www.ucgeasttexas.org/cpg/home/thumbnails.php?album=4> for the furnishings, including some recent acquisitions and donations.

Building Committee

The Building Committee had the monthly update meeting this past Wednesday night at the Treybigs' home. The results of that meeting are significant and need to be shared in a congregational meeting instead of just notes on the Information Table. See the following announcement about a congregational meeting.

Congregational Meeting

As a result of the last Building Committee meeting, we need to hold another congregational meeting to report where we are in the building project, report some financial issues we face, and discuss options to meet those issues. We invite everyone to come to a congregational meeting in the Multi/Use end of the building next **Thursday night, July 19**, starting at 7:30 p.m. We have lights and electricity, but ask that you bring your own folding or lawn chair. In addition, parking is limited so we ask that you carpool as much as possible. Refreshments will be available. Please remember the building is still a construction site, so we ask that you watch your small children carefully. It would also be good to wear old shoes in case it has rained recently.

CHURCH BUILDING FUND

Contributions to the Building Fund this past week totaled \$1,275, which includes \$613 from the recent bake sale and \$100 from the sale of cards and crafts. During the month of June, the Building Fund increased by \$7,145.

Our current total of funds collected is \$259,971.

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

Ann Wilson requests prayers for her mother, **Avis Hohertz**, for complications from congestive heart failure and diabetes. Since her release from the hospital last month, she has lost strength. Your prayers for strength and healing are most appreciated.

Mr. Leroy Neff would appreciate your prayers. He is experiencing a lot of pain in his right hip – so much that he has trouble walking or even getting comfortable in bed to sleep. He is able to nap a little in a recliner, but requests your prayers for some rest and relief.

Dale and Jimmie Pierce's two-and-a-half year old California grandson, **William**, was in ICU due to viral pneumonia. They are very pleased to announce he is improving, is out of ICU, and more interested in playing and eating. They hope he will be able to go home soon. Your prayers are so deeply appreciated!

Thank you for your prayers for **Betty Foster** (Morris' mother), who is recovering from her bladder surgery. More tests were done this week and the medical staff believes they have found the reason for her problems and can offer treatment to help.

Betty Foster
1404 Valley Drive
Longview, TX 75647

Thank you for your continued prayers for **Charles Hensen**, brother of Kay Neff. The Mayo Clinic could not determine conclusively whether the biopsy was benign. So he will be having surgery again next Thursday to remove the rest of the tumor and the family would appreciate your prayers.

Lucy Richmond was very excited about the good news last week on her shoulder range of motion. However, this week she is having a terrible time with back pain and found out she has a bulging disc. She would appreciate your prayers again.