

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

## Announcements • July 18, 2009

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### SABBATH SERVICES

#### Texarkana – 10:00 a.m.

Song Leader – Lonnie Neff  
Sermonette – James Neff  
Sermon – Frank McCrady

#### Ruston – 1:00 p.m.

Song Leader – Chris Teague  
Sermonette – Harold Butler  
Sermon – Ken Treybig

#### East Texas – 2:30 p.m.

Song Leader – Mark Weiss  
Sermonette – Morris Foster  
Sermon – Aaron Dean

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

We're getting a group together to go see the Texas Rangers play. Game-time is Sunday Aug. 2 at 7:05pm against the Seattle Mariners. 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. Deadline to sign up is Saturday Aug 1. Any questions see Jim Moody or Lupe Gonzalez.

#### Ruston Youth Activity

A youth activity at Lake Clairborne is being planned in August to including water skiing and a picnic lunch from 10 AM until late afternoon. Listen for details in a verbal announcement.

#### Update on Teen Camps

We have now completed four of our six teen summer camps for this year and so far it is obvious God has again been blessing our efforts. We have two more that will take place the first part of August and would appreciate your prayers for the Northwest and Heritage camps beginning on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### Kerrville Feast

**Audio-Video:** 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](mailto:jose@andcomp.com) and give him your qualifications and how you may be reached. Your help will be much appreciated.

**Choir:** We are also in need of more choir members in Kerrville. If you will be attending the Feast there and would like to participate, please contact Mr. King Finlay via email at [king\\_finlay@ucg.org](mailto:king_finlay@ucg.org).

#### Vertical Thought Videos

Part of our proposed new Website for Vertical Thought involves very short video clips of young people talking about a wide variety of topics from a "vertical perspective". We planned to record many at our summer camps, but since it was announced so close to the start of four of our camps we did not get that many. If any of our young adults or older teens would like to submit one or more, we'll be happy to record them locally. There are eight general headings we want to record videos about—Vertical Thinking, Success, Relationships, Education, Career, Health, Spirituality, and Fun. We have an extensive list of ideas under each category as well as a write-up describing the art of giving short commentary.

Please feel free to pick up a copy of the material from the Information Table. If you are interested in participating, please let the pastor know.

#### Engagement Announcement

The Deans and Trones are excited about the engagement of Crystal and Joe, as announced last Sabbath in East Texas. Wedding details are "in the works".



### BUILDING UPDATES

#### Building Fund Contributions

The past two weeks the building fund received \$1,015. Our current total of funds collected is \$353,137.

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.

#### Work Party

Our work party to clean up the area behind the building will be this Sunday, **July 19**, from 8 to 11 AM. We will wait on clearing the property line until this fall or winter, but machettes or other tools to clean an area to store the materials we will save would be helpful. Also remember to bring gloves.

Teens and their families will have an activity at the Cases after the work party. Details on that have been emailed to all teen families.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

**Vera Andy** was moved from Margaret House hospice in Longview to Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Glade-water on Wednesday night. She is more alert after they began giving her some meds for pain, but Greek yogurt is still about the only thing she can eat. She is grateful for all the prayers and concern shown for her.

The memorial service for **Russell Edelbach**, Jean Shipman's father, will be this Sunday, July 19, in Minnesota. The family is very thankful for all the prayers offered up on his behalf.

**Lauren Graham** continues to make progress at the rehab center in Chicago. She was even able to attend services last Sabbath, though it wore her out. Her voice is coming back, and her memory is slowly returning as well. Thanks for the continued prayers.

**Angela Beam** was scheduled for a follow-up procedure this week, but it was postponed from Wednesday to next Monday. She would appreciate your continued prayers about her healing as she is still quite weak and experiencing a lot of pain.

Gary and Jo Neff appreciate your prayers for their son, **Tyrone (Ty) Schlomer**. They are still trying to determine why he's experiencing so much chest pain.