

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

## Announcements • July 21, 2007

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### SABBATH SERVICES

Song Leader – Neil Crane  
Split Sermon – Scott Hammer  
Bible Study – Ken Treybig  
**Texarkana – 10 a.m.**  
Song Leader – Ken Treybig  
Split Sermon – Aaron Dean  
Bible Study – Ken Treybig

### WEEKLY HALL SCHEDULE

July 28, Big Sandy HS..... 2:30 pm  
August 4, Gladewater HS..... 2:30 pm  
August 11, Gladewater HS.... 2:30 pm  
August 18, Big Sandy HS..... 2:30 pm

### PRETEEN EVENTS

#### Sabbath School Today

Our second of three summer classes will be held **today** during the Bible Study portion. We'll be enjoying a game of "Bible Character Clue." We look forward to seeing you there!

### TEEN EVENTS

#### Camp Carter

Three United Youth Camps have already completed very successful sessions for this year. Camp Carter in Fort Worth runs **July 29 – August 5**. There are 81 campers and 44 full-time staff members this year who would certainly appreciate your prayers for good weather as well as a safe and productive camp! The Northwest Camp in Oregon will also take place at the same time and would appreciate you remembering them.

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Parenting Class

The next class of "Growing Kids God's Way" will be Friday night, **July 27**, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Neil and Rita Crane.

#### Congregational Bible Study

Our topic for discussion during the Bible Study **today** is collateral dam-

age from "the Darwin Bomb" to go along with the recent issue of the *Good News*. We hope you'll join us.

#### Garage Sale Fundraiser



Our next garage sale will be next Friday, **July 27**, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Rochelle Boyce's home at 212 Peachtree in Big Sandy. All proceeds benefit our local building fund.

Donated items will be received Sunday and Monday only, July 22 and 23. It will be best to drop off large furniture items and appliances on Thursday evening, since these items may have to be covered and stored in the driveway because of space limitations. For any mechanical or electronic items, please note whether or not they are in working condition.

Contact Rochelle Boyce at 903-636-5656 if you have any questions or would like to help with setup and/or work the day of the sale. Thanks so much for your contributions and help!

#### Ten Pins!



Make plans to join your spiritual family for bowling on Sunday, **July 29**, from 12 noon to 5 p.m., at the Oil Bowl Lanes on 1102 W. Cotton in Longview.

#### Council of Elders Meeting

The Council of Elders will meet **August 3 – 7**. Your prayers for God's

direction and guidance are deeply appreciated.

#### 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 [alldance@hotmail.com](mailto:alldance@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 services is available on the Information Table.

### Social Calendar Planning Meeting

There will be a social calendar planning meeting in about three weeks, on Thursday, **August 9**. More details will be available soon.

## BUILDING UPDATES

### Work Progress

Thanks to all the volunteers at the work party this past Wednesday. We were able to sand out the area above the entry door for painting, install splash blocks for the downspouts on the back of the building, install bracing on one side of the center wall, and assemble the lighting bar for the stage.

This week work continued on the HVAC, sheetrocking, and the electrical. The a/c return area locations were framed out, most of the exterior security lights were hooked up with photo cells, conduit and wire was installed for a sub-panel over the kitchen to power the a/c units there, a removable plywood cover was built around the sub-panel in the Multi/Use end, and the exhaust fans in the M/U end were connected to power.

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.

### Work Party

We'll have a work party this Sunday, **July 22**, starting at 8 a.m., to finish the bracing and lighting bar installation, to frame out around the sound patch panel area in the Sound Closet, and to frame out for an access door in the bottom of the closet to allow access to the sound chaises. Your help is deeply appreciated.



We'll also have a bricking work party tomorrow, starting at 7:30 a.m., to continue on the columns beside the entry doors.

### Congregational Meeting

This past Thursday night a congregational meeting was held at the building to report where we are in the building project and to report some financial issues we face, including an expected shortfall of \$75,000 by the end of the year. The bank is very willing to loan us more money (they've already approved another \$100,000). However, we need to be able to afford it, so we talked about a few options—longer term financing of a larger note, a separate loan for the shortfall, issuing bonds to raise the money, etc. Each of these would require continued fundraising and would delay Phase 2, but at least we would be using the building. For those who were unable to attend and would like more details, audio of the meeting is available from the Media Library.

The Building Committee will meet again August 8 to discuss our options. A survey was suggested to solicit input from the congregation. It was felt we might get more detailed input if members would simply write or email their comments, ideas, or suggestions

to one of the committee members *before* August 8.

## CHURCH BUILDING FUND

Contributions to the Building Fund this past week totaled \$476. During the month of June, the Building Fund increased by \$7,145.

Our current total of funds collected is \$260,447.

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

**Avis Hohertz**, Ann Wilson's mother, underwent surgery to repair a perforated ulcer in her digestive tract. She is expected to be in ICU for at least another week. Your prayers for God's comfort and healing are most appreciated.

**Mr. Leroy Neff's** right hip is still giving him a lot of pain. Your continued prayers for rest and relief would be much appreciated.

Dale and Jimmie Pierce's two-and-a-half year old California grandson, **William**, was released from the hospital last Saturday night. Thank you for all the prayers and concern.

Thank you for your prayers for **Betty Foster** (Morris' mother). She had a doctor's appointment yesterday (Friday) to decide on the next course of action.

Betty Foster  
1404 Valley Drive  
Longview, TX 75647

**Charles Hensen**, brother of Kay Neff, underwent surgery this past Thursday to remove the rest of the brain tumor. The family appreciates your continued prayers.

**Lucy Richmond's** pain from a bulging disc has eased some. She found out this week that it was bulging in multiple places, but has gotten some relief and plans to work this next week. Thanks so much for your prayers.