

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

## Announcements • August 4, 2007

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### SABBATH SERVICES

Song Leader – Dick Hegna  
Sermonette – Loren Weinbrenner  
Sermon – Dael Baughman

### Texarkana – 10 a.m.

Song Leader – James Neff  
Sermonette – Jack Elliott  
Sermon – Melton McNeely

### WEEKLY HALL SCHEDULE

August 11, Gladewater HS..... 2:30 pm  
August 18, Big Sandy HS..... 2:30 pm  
August 25, Big Sandy HS..... 2:30 pm  
September 1, Big Sandy HS.. 2:30 pm

### TEEN EVENTS

#### Camp Carter

Camp Carter will wrap up tomorrow, August 5. The campers enjoyed a number of activities including lots of variety in sports, Christian Living, and lots of fellowship time. Your prayers for a successful end of camp and everyone's safe trip home would be appreciated.

### FEAST OF TABERNACLES

#### FOT Activity Brochure

The Activity Brochure for the Feast of Tabernacles has been mailed to the members. In the brochure, the order form for events at Lancaster, PA did not include a space for an email address. Please include your email address on the form, as it enables us to expedite correspondence with those interested in attending these events.

#### FOT Shut-Ins

The Home Office will again send sermon recordings to those unable to attend the Feast of Tabernacles this year. If you are unable to attend this year and would like to have a set of the MP3 recordings, please let our local festival advisers know. We must get the list in by Monday, August 6.

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Council of Elders Meeting

The Council of Elders meetings continue through August 7. Your prayers for God's direction and guidance are deeply appreciated.

#### Social Calendar Planning Meeting



There will be a social calendar planning meeting on Thursday, **August 9**, beginning at 7 p.m. at Hillcrest. Anyone wishing to participate is welcome to attend. Your ideas and input would be most appreciated.

#### Parenting Class

The next class of "Growing Kids God's Way" will be Friday night, **August 10**, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Toby and Jean Shipman.

#### Hillcrest Bible Study

A Bible Study and potluck meal will be held at Hillcrest Manor on Wednesday, **August 15**, beginning at 11 a.m. All are welcome!

#### Home Office Relocation

The president's office released a notice this week that they have withdrawn their offer on the Kings Row property. There is a Safety Kleen plant within a mile of the property. The environmental assessment performed in the due diligence process resulted in assurances that this plant is not a threat to the property. Nevertheless, that does not change the fact that the plant is still less than a mile away, which for some raises concerns and reservations. They have already begun the search for more properties in the

greater Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex and expect to soon have other prospects for the Council to review.

### BUILDING UPDATES

#### Work Progress

This week work continued on the HVAC and tape and bedding. We should be ready to prime the walls very soon.

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 acquired so far.

#### Work Party



There will be a work party this week to prime the walls. Please listen for the verbal announcement to get all the details.

#### Congregational Input

Recently 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 \$6,418, which includes \$783 from the recent garage sale. During the month of July, the Building Fund increased by \$2,881.

Our current total of funds collected is \$267,995.

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**

**Mr. Leroy Neff's** right hip is still bothering him. Your continued prayers for rest and relief would be much appreciated. The whole Neff family is grateful for all the prayers and help that have been given.