

United Church of God, IA-East Texas/Texarkana Announcements • September 1, 2007

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SABBATH SERVICES

Song Leader – Loren Weinbrenner
Sermonette – Reese Brown
Sermon – Ken Treybig

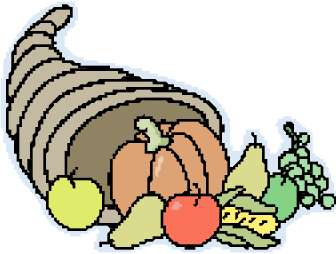
Texarkana – 10 a.m.

Song Leader – James Neff
Sermonette – Shannon Lucas
Sermon – Ken Treybig

WEEKLY HALL SCHEDULE

September 8, Big Sandy HS .. 2:30 pm
September 15, Big Sandy HS. 2:30 pm
September 22, Big Sandy HS. 2:30 pm
Sept. 27–Oct. 3 (Feast of Tabernacles)
October 4..... (Last Great Day)

Feast of Trumpets



The Feast of Trumpets will be held on Thursday, **September 13**. There will be combined services at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. at the Gladewater Rodeo Building, with a potluck meal between services.

The building does not have enough room to leave the chairs set up as well as the tables, so we will need some additional help with setup for the meal—and possibly to reset things for the afternoon service. Please bring two of the following food items for the meal: meat dish, vegetable dish, salad, or dessert. Also, be sure to label your serving dishes. Thanks for your help!

Day of Atonement

Services for the Day of Atonement will be held the Sabbath of **September 22**, at the Big Sandy High School Auditorium at 2:30 p.m. for the East Texas congregation, and at Hebron

Baptist Church at 2:30 p.m. for Texarkana.

PRETEEN EVENTS

Sabbath School

Our next class will be held the Sabbath of **September 8**. We will cover a lesson about the Feast of Trumpets.

TEEN EVENTS

Planning Meeting & Activity

Hey teens and families, we have a planning meeting and activity next Sabbath, **September 8**, at the home of Toby and Jean Shipman. The meeting will start at 6 p.m. for all teens, with a potluck meal following. It is important that parents attend this meeting!

FEAST OF TABERNACLES

Children's Choir



We received the word sheets and CDs for the Children's Choir music at the Feast of Tabernacles this year. If you'd like to participate, please see Laura Moody for copies.

PCB Volunteers Needed

This is an exciting time of the year as we prepare for God's Festivals. Volunteers are needed to help with **Parking, Special Services, Stage, Auditorium, and Mother's Room** at the Feast in Panama City Beach, FL. Your help and desire to serve in these areas is deeply appreciated. If you would like to volunteer your services this year to help make the Feast a memorable occasion for God's people, then please send your name and where you would like to serve ASAP to Ken.Martin@ucg.org or by regular

mail to Ken Martin/UCG, P.O. Box 3417, Macon, GA 31205.

2008 Feast in Hawaii

Although the Feast of Tabernacles is nearly here, we need member's feedback for the Feast on Hawaii in 2008. Two different locations are under consideration.

If you are seriously planning or considering Hawaii in 2008, please get a copy of the handout and survey from your pastor. The survey can be mailed in or the information and survey are available online at www.ucg.org/feast/hawaii.

It is preferred that the survey be filled out online, but either way, the deadline is Wednesday, September 12.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Garage Sale Fundraiser

Special thanks to Rochelle Boyce and all those who volunteered their labor as well as donating items for our successful garage sale fundraiser!

Excused Absence Forms

It's time to prepare the excused absence forms for the Fall Holy Days, since some colleges require them to be filed within two weeks of the start of classes. If you need an excused absence form for work or school, please sign the list on the Information Table (one name per line, please) and we will prepare them to distribute the following Sabbath.

Adult Choir Rehearsal

Copies of the music and parts CD for the song for the Feast of Trumpets are available from Ed Weiss. We'll have a quick run-through after services *today*.

Volleyball Practice Tomorrow

We'll practice tomorrow, **September 2**, from 9 – 11 a.m. at the Big Sandy Middle School gym. Both

teens and adults will practice together (all divisions—A & B). The officials' clinic will be here in East Texas this year, on Sunday, October 14. Then the first set of regional games will be in Houston on the weekend of October 27 – 28.

Houston Music Festival

The Third Annual UCG Houston Music Festival will be held on Sunday, **September 2**, at 20737 Broze Road, Humble, TX. The event will begin at 10 a.m. and end around 8 p.m. Come enjoy a full day of rock, folk, country, and blues music while visiting and relaxing.

Deacon/Elder Meeting

As a reminder to deacons, elders, and their spouses, our next meeting will be Wednesday, **September 5**, beginning at 7 p.m. at Hillcrest.

Electronics Recycling Fundraiser



Now's your chance to participate in a fundraiser to supplement our local building fund! We will be collecting cell phones, ink jet printer cartridges (toner cartridges are not accepted), DVD movies and DVD video games, MP3 players, digital cameras, and a variety of other electronics. It is important to note that these items do not have to function properly; broken merchandise is also accepted. If you are donating a cell phone, you are encouraged to also supply the battery, but not required. Also, cell phone accessories are not accepted in the program. This is a good way to clear out some of that clutter while supporting our building fund.

We will be collecting these items **until September 16**. If you have anything you would like to donate or have any questions, please contact James or Scarlet Ellis at 903-431-0964 or jamesandsarlet@netzero.net.

Houston Family Campout

Attention all campers! Your brethren in the Houston area are pleased to invite you to join them for their eighth annual Houston Family Campout at beautiful Lake Livingston State Park, November 9 – 11. The park is located about 75 miles northeast of Houston, just west of US 59 in Livingston, TX. Premium lakefront campsites, RV sites and screened shelters are all available *but you must make your reservations in advance*. We have an ample number of campsites reserved to easily accommodate almost everyone at sites on or near the lakefront. ***THE DEADLINE FOR MAKING YOUR RESERVATIONS IS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH!***

A "Welcome Dinner" is planned for arriving campers on Friday evening and a variety of Sabbath events are planned with the family in mind. This year, we have planned a Young Adults' Party for Saturday evening at the Activity Center from 9 p.m. until midnight. There will be plenty of opportunities for fun, fellowship, and relaxation, with horseback riding, fishing, hiking and mountain bike trails available in the park. The campground offers an ideal setting for those who would enjoy a weekend in the great outdoors! If you would like to join us, but would prefer to "camp" in a motel, we've got you covered! Fliers containing all the information you, your family, and friends will need to make plans and reservations are available at the Information Table. We expect over 300 to attend this event, so make your reservations EARLY! See you there!

Brochure Distribution Program

Copies of the latest inserts and brochures for the current *Good News* advertising campaign were sent to us recently. We have plans to distribute over 17 million brochures, cards, and inserts this year. Members in local congregations are encouraged to participate in the program. Sample materials and information are available on the Information Table if you're interested.

BUILDING UPDATES

Work Progress

A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped at the work party this past Sunday! This week work continued on the sheetrock and tape and bedding after the Auditorium was primed. We will be able to prime again soon and paint that area. Work also began on hanging the ceiling grid in the area we've already painted, and next week we should finalize the interior door order. Floor coverings should begin before long.

No Work Party Tomorrow

We will **not** have a work party tomorrow. It's a holiday weekend and we only have a few things we can do at this point, so we'll carry them over to the following Sunday.

A lot is happening right now, so we're using our money quickly. 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.

CHURCH BUILDING FUND

Contributions to the Building Fund this past week totaled \$293. During the month of August, the Building Fund increased by \$6,951.

Our current total of funds collected is \$268,528.

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

Pat Creech got the results of her test this week. Her kidney function is only 14% and it must be 15% before she can get off dialysis. She's very close and would appreciate your continued prayers.