

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

## Announcements • September 8, 2007

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### SABBATH SERVICES

Song Leader – Ken Treybig  
Sermonette – Jack Elliott  
Sermon – Aaron Dean

### Texarkana – 10 a.m.

Song Leader – Ken Treybig  
Sermonette – Lonnie Neff  
Sermon – (Video)

### WEEKLY HALL SCHEDULE

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 next Thursday, **September 13**. There will be combined services at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. at the Gladewater Rodeo Building (maps are available at the Information Table), with a potluck meal between services.

We probably won't be able to leave the tables and chairs all set up at once, so we will need some additional help moving chairs and a few tables for the meal and 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 Today

Class will be held **today** during the sermonette time. We'll cover a lesson about the Feast of Trumpets.

Next Sabbath, September 15, we'll have a lesson about the Day of Atonement.

### TEEN EVENTS

#### Planning Meeting & Activity

Hey teens and families, we have a planning meeting and activity **tonight**, 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

#### Kerrville Parking Crew

Volunteers are needed to assist with parking during the Feast in Kerrville. If you are able to help with parking at this Feast site, please contact Roger Foster at [rogerfoster@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rogerfoster@sbcglobal.net) or by phone at 210-256-1381.

#### Free Airport Parking

With so many ministers and members headed for the Feast, we thought some might be interested in a promotional offer sponsored by some of the larger airport hotel chains. In several cities, if you stay one night at a participating hotel, they will allow you to leave your car parked in their parking lot for up to two weeks at no additional charge.

If you are interested in checking this out, goto: [www.buyreservations.com](http://www.buyreservations.com)

#### Holy Day Offerings at Int'l Sites

Members from the United States who are attending an international Feast site are asked to send the bulk of

their Holy Day offerings to the Home Office either before or after the Feast. However, so as not to "appear before the Lord empty," and out of courtesy to the nation hosting the Feast where you attend, please consider giving token offerings (preferably in the local currency) on the annual Holy Days. Most international offices receive a financial subsidy from the Home Office on a quarterly or annual basis, therefore the Holy Day offerings should not be considered the sole source of annual income for these international areas.

*PLEASE NOTE:* For tax purposes, only those offerings received at the Home Office will be included on your U.S. donation receipt. Any offering given at an international Feast site will be used locally and no donation receipt will be issued for those funds.

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.ucg.org/feast/hawaii).

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

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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

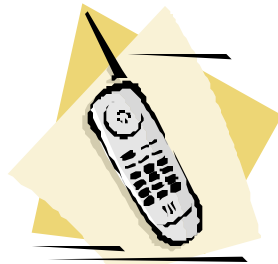
We'll practice tomorrow, **September 9**, from 9 – 11 a.m. at the Big Sandy Middle School gym. Both teens and adults will practice together. The officials' clinic will be here in East Texas this year, on Sunday, October 14. Then the first set of regional games will be in Houston on the weekend of October 27 – 28.

### Graduation Reception



We will host a special reception after services next Sabbath, September 15, to honor **Crystal Dean** and **Briana Duke** on their graduation from high school! Please remember to sign the special cards for them on display at the Information Table. Everyone is asked to bring a non-dessert item, such as a fruit or veggie tray, cheese and crackers, nut bowls, etc. to go along with the cake and punch. Congratulations to the graduates!

### 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](mailto:jamesandsarlet@netzero.net).

### U.S. 80 Hi-Way Sale

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Historic U.S. 80 Hi-Way Sale & Cruise will be held **October 19 – 21**, rain or shine. This is a weekend of garage/yard/flea market sales along the highway from Dallas

as far east as possible. We are considering being a vendor on the Friday and/or Sunday of the sale, with proceeds benefiting our local building fund.

In order to take part, we need your help! If you have items you would like to donate, please make sure they are clean and in good condition to sell. This is a *must*, as we will not have spare time to devote to cleaning, especially during this busy time around the Feast. Please contact Rochelle Boyce if you have items to sell or can help during the sale. Thanks!

We are also planning a bake sale that Friday in conjunction with the garage sale. Nancy Worthen will be coordinating it and will need bakers and workers. If you would like to help, please sign the list on the Information Table.

### 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 5<sup>TH</sup>!**

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**

This week the Auditorium area was textured, primed again, and painted, the ceiling grid was finished in the front of the building, the lights were delivered to the building and installation of them began along with installing electrical outlets and switches in the front part of the building. Work also continued on the HVAC installation. Special thanks to Loren Weinbrenner and the painting crew volunteers who did a great job!

#### **Work Party Tomorrow**

We will have a work party tomorrow, **September 9**, starting at 8 a.m. to work on a number of items. We need to pick up the extra concrete remnants, dress the welds on the metal columns in the center wall, clean the extra sheetrock mud out of the electrical boxes in the Auditorium area, and sweep the areas that have now been painted. We would like to begin on flooring in those areas as soon as we have the lighting and HVAC ductwork in place.

The next bricking work party will be after the Feast and we hope to fin-

ish the rest of the remaining brick panel in one day.

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 \$1,381, which includes \$811 from the recent garage sale. During the month of August, the Building Fund increased by \$6,951.

Our current total of funds collected is \$269,909.

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**

**Amanda Crane** is thankful for your prayers for her cousin, **Justin Massie**. Shortly after the prayer request went out, he began improving and was able to go home. He still has some medical issues and a temporary bypass around the area that ruptured, but thinks he may even be well enough to attend the Feast. The whole family appreciates the concern shown for him.