

United Church of God, IA-East Texas/Texarkana

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SABBATH SERVICES

Song Leader – Steve McNeely
Sermonette – Loren Weinbrenner
Sermon – Les McCullough

Texarkana – 10 a.m.

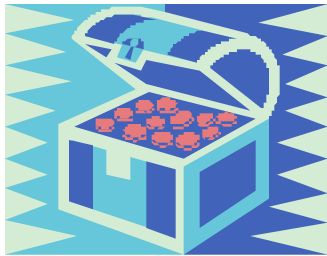
Song Leader – Jim Stewart
Sermonette – Ellis Stewart
Sermon – Frank McCrady

WEEKLY HALL SCHEDULE

November 3, Hawkins HS..... 2:30 pm
November 10, Hawkins HS... 2:30 pm
November 17, Big Sandy HS. 2:30 pm
November 24, Hawkins HS... 2:30 pm

PRETEEN EVENTS

Sabbath School Today



Class will be held **today** during the sermonette time for a lesson on “*Respecting Others*” as we continue our theme this year of “*Finding GREAT Treasure.*” Please remember to bring your Bible and notebook. We appreciate your continued prayers for a successful year for students and instructors!

TEEN EVENTS

Bible Study & Activity

Hey teens and families, we moved our next Bible Study and activity to Friday night, **November 9**, at the home of Eric and Nancy Case. The study will start at 7 p.m. for all teens, with a dessert social following.

YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

Challenger II Rock Climbing

Applications for the Challenger II Rock Climbing Program for young

adults (ages 18 – 30) are now available. Young Adults serious about their spiritual growth and personal leadership qualities, who are up for a challenge both physically and spiritually, are invited to apply. This is a small-group, mentor-driven, adventure-based leadership program that will take place on the slopes of Mt. Lemmon in southern Arizona, from **December 23 – 30, 2007.**

More information and applications are available online at the Church web site, at www.ucg.org/challenger. Application deadline is November 1. Remember to get your application in early!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Website & Church News

I am happy to announce that we are launching two new tools that will improve our ability to communicate to the entire Church.

First, we are launching a new Web site specifically for members of the United Church of God – **members.ucg.org**. This will help us make our Web site, UCG.org, a better “first contact” tool for the general public and give us a new location to post items that are truly more appropriate and applicable to the Church membership. This new Web site will provide a central location for Church news/announcements and an event calendar, provide biblical resources and make it easier for members to find important information. The members’ Web site will continue to be developed and enhanced with new material over the next few months, and we know you will want to visit it often in order to stay connected with what is happening in the Church.

Second, the main feature on this members’ site will be a regular, online news-of-the-work video entitled, *About Our Father’s Business*. We announced before the Feast that we would be revising our Compass Check presentation, which had simply been a video of the home office staff meeting. *About Our Father’s Business*, which will be produced weekly in the media center studio beginning Thursday, Nov. 1, will be aimed specifically at all Church members around the world. It will consist of home office and general Church news, announcements, interviews, brief biblically based messages and anything else of a timely nature. Since it is directed to the Church, and not the general public, it will be aired on the new member Web site mentioned above.

All you need to do to stay connected with the news and work of the United Church of God and to watch the weekly video *About Our Father’s Business*, is type in this Web address: **members.ucg.org**

- Clyde Kilough

Volleyball Games

We wish all the players a safe and fun trip to Houston this weekend for the regional volleyball games.

Ten Pins!



Make plans to join your spiritual family for bowling tomorrow, **October 28**, from 12 noon to 5 p.m., at the Oil Bowl Lanes on 1102 W. Cotton in Longview.

Building Dedication Meeting

There will be a planning meeting for the building dedication next Monday, **October 29**, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Treybig's home.

Birth Announcement

Hollis Banks is happy to announce the birth of her first grandchild! Her daughter, Holly Smith, had **Austin Gammel Smith** on Monday, October 22, at 3:30 p.m. in Nacogdoches. He weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. Mother and baby are doing fine.

Houston Family Campout

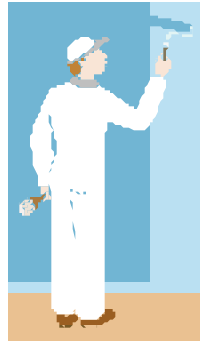
Attention all campers! Your brethren in the Houston area are pleased to invite you to join them for their eighth annual Houston Family Campout at beautiful Lake Livingston State Park, **November 9 – 11**. The park is located about 75 miles northeast of Houston, just west of US 59 in Livingston, TX. Premium 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 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!

BUILDING UPDATES

Work Progress



This week the Kitchen and M/U area was textured, primed again, and painted. Work continued on the HVAC ductwork, lighting in the Auditorium, and floor tiling. On Sunday the final brick panel was completed as well as the window sills. Special thanks to Loren Weinbrenner, Ken Vickery, Robert Worthen, and all the volunteer crews for a job well done!

There will *not* be a work party this Sunday due to the regional volleyball weekend in Houston.

Special thanks to all the volunteer labor on the building as well as those helping with fundraisers and those who are able to make monthly donations to the fund!

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 \$2,085, which includes \$1,285 from the combined efforts of our recent garage and bake sales, and \$800 from a rebate from Chase for using their credit card for building supplies. During the month of September, the Building Fund increased by \$3,147.

Our current total of funds collected is \$275,163.

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

The Lucas family appreciates your continued prayers for their son, **Bardett Lucas**. They are with him in California as he recovers from brain surgery and gets started on his follow-up treatment.

Please remember **Hollis Banks**, who was in a car accident this past week when she was rear ended at a traffic light in Nacogdoches. Her vehicle was totaled and she sustained some injuries, but her injuries do not appear to be too serious.

From Ken Giese, pastor, Houston South, TX:

Your prayers are requested for **Joy (Howe) Van Schuyver**, who has been waging a battle against breast cancer for over a year. Though her primary cancer now appears to be under control, it has metastasized to a portion of her spine. She recently has suffered nausea due to five days of "booster" radiation treatment and has lost a good deal of weight. In addition, she has had difficulty maintaining appropriate blood sugar levels. Her cancer markers have decreased – from 126 down to 50. Please pray that God will comfort and strengthen Joy and her family during this difficult trial, bringing her cancer into remission and allowing her to regain her appetite.

Jim and Joy Van Schuyver
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