

United Church of God, IA-East Texas/Texarkana

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SABBATH SERVICES

Song Leader – Jim Stewart
Sermonette – Ed Weiss
Sermon – Ken Treybig

Texarkana – 10 a.m.

Song Leader – Lonnie Neff
Sermonette – James Neff
Sermon – Ken Treybig

WEEKLY HALL SCHEDULE

November 10, Hawkins HS?.. 2:30 pm
November 17, Big Sandy HS. 2:30 pm
November 24, Hawkins HS?.. 2:30 pm
December 1, Big Sandy HS... 2:30 pm

The lighting in the Hawkins auditorium did not get fixed this week, so we need to meet in Gilmer. They're expecting to have the lighting fixed this coming week, but we have Gilmer arranged as a backup in case the lighting does not get fixed.

PRETEEN EVENTS

Sabbath School Today



Class will be held **today** during the sermonette time for a lesson on "Obedience Starts with Honoring God," as we continue our theme this year of "Finding GREAT Treasure." Please remember to bring your Bible and notebook.

TEEN EVENTS

Bible Study & Activity

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

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

Daylight Savings Time

It's time to "fall back" again. Daylight Savings Time will end on Sunday,

November 4.

Don't forget to turn your clocks *back* one hour before going to bed *tonight*.



Volleyball Practice Tomorrow

The next practice will be tomorrow, **November 4**, from 9 – 11 a.m. at the Big Sandy Middle School gym. The next set of regional games will be in Dallas on the weekend of November 17 – 18.

Congregational Bible Study

We'll have another congregational Bible Study next Sabbath, **November 10**. We hope you'll join us.

Hillcrest Bible Study

A Bible Study and potluck meal will be held at Hillcrest Manor on Wednesday, **November 14**, beginning at 11 a.m. All are welcome!

Building Dedication Meeting

This week another meeting was held to discuss and fine tune the plans for our building dedication weekend. Smaller groups were established to work on the details and report back at our next meeting in early December. A dedication will be held on the Sabbath, and a ribbon-cutting and open

house for the public the next day. After checking with the home office to find out Mr. Kilough's schedule, we're planning on the weekend of **January 19 – 20, 2008**. We hope to be meeting in the building before then, but that's the first date that will work for the dedication weekend.

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**. "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!

2007 Winter Family Weekend

This year's Winter Family Weekend will take place **December 21 – 25** in Louisville, KY. Make plans to come join 2,000 of your closest family and

friends for four days of seminars, sports, music, dances, and family fun. To register, find out the schedule of events, and more detailed information, go to www.ucg.org/familyweekend.

BUILDING UPDATES

Work Progress



This week the custom cabinetry for the Kitchen and restrooms was installed after the floor tile was installed and the cabinetry areas were grouted. Special thanks to Ken Vickery and the tile crew for the time crunch in getting the areas ready for the cabinetry installation.

Work continued on the HVAC ductwork, ceiling tile and insulation installation, lighting in the Auditorium, and floor tiling. In addition, the drives and parking (including the handicapped lot) were shaped and gravel was installed.

There will be a work party this Sunday beginning at 9 a.m. to bush hog, weed eat, and clean up the property again before winter. After volleyball practice (ends at 11 a.m.) we'll continue installing floor tile and work on a few other details.

Many 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 \$925. During

the month of October, the Building Fund increased by \$4,413.

Our current total of funds collected is \$276,088.

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 family of **Cotton Enos** thanks everyone for the prayers and for the wonderful volunteers who are sitting with him in the evenings. He is slightly improved, but still in need of observation 24/7. Your continued prayers for him, the family, and especially Mrs. Enos would be greatly appreciated.

The Lucas family appreciates your continued prayers for their son, **Bardett Lucas**. He's supposed to start his treatments this coming week. The prognosis for this type of cancer is not good according to the doctors. Treatment can slow its growth, but not put it in remission.

Please continue to remember **Hollace Banks**, who was in a car accident recently. She is experiencing some back pain and is under the care of her doctor.