

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

## Announcements • December 1, 2007

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### SABBATH SERVICES

Song Leader – Neil Crane  
Sermonette – Shannon Lucas  
Sermon – (Home Office DVD)

### Texarkana – 10 a.m.

Song Leader – James Neff  
Sermonette – Reese Brown  
Sermon – (Home Office DVD)

### WEEKLY HALL SCHEDULE

December 8, Big Sandy HS... 2:30 pm  
December 15, Big Sandy HS . 2:30 pm  
December 22, Big Sandy HS . 2:30 pm  
December 29, Big Sandy HS . 2:30 pm

NOTE: We expect to be in our own building by the end of December, but the date is not final due to some things we're waiting on before we can occupy it. So, all the Big Sandy HS dates from the middle to the end of December are tentative.

### PRETEEN EVENTS

#### Sabbath School Today

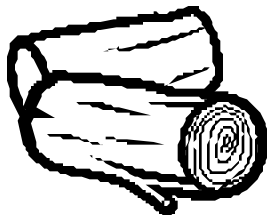
Class will be held **today** shortly after services for a lesson on "*Wisdom: Thinking God's Way.*"

#### Children's Choir

The Children's Choir will perform with the Adult Choir at the building dedication in January. Please see Laura Moody for a copy of the CD and lyrics.

### TEEN EVENTS

#### Teen Fundraisers



An email was sent recently with details on two teen fundraisers—selling firewood and selling 2008 calendars. See one of the teens or the Shipmans for details.

### Bible Study & Activity

Hey teens and families, we have a Bible Study planned **tonight**, December 1, starting at 6 p.m. We'll meet at the Life Center in Gladewater, after which we'll have a meal before the Family Night begins. See Nancy Worthen for questions about what to bring for the meal.

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Family Night



We'll enjoy a Family Night **tonight**, December 1, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Methodist Life Center in Gladewater. Our whole church family (of all ages) is invited to a night of fun with activities such as basketball, volleyball, table games, snacks, and fellowshiping!

#### Volleyball Practice

The next practice will be on Sunday, **December 2**, from 9 – 11 a.m. at the Big Sandy Middle School gym. The final set of regional games will be in San Antonio on the weekend of December 8 – 9.

#### Building Dedication Meeting

As a reminder to the dedication committee, the next meeting will be on Monday, **December 3**, beginning at 7 p.m. at the building.

#### Hillcrest Bible Study

A Bible Study and potluck meal will be held at Hillcrest Manor on Wednesday, **December 5**, beginning at 11 a.m. All are welcome!

#### Deacon/Elder Meeting

As a reminder to deacons, elders, and their spouses, our next meeting

will be Wednesday, **December 12**, beginning at 7 p.m. at Hillcrest.

#### Media Library Additions

We have a number of new additions to the Media Library. The Feast recordings for this year arrived for Kerrville, Lancaster, and Panama City Beach. In addition, we received recordings of two ABC classes—Former Prophets (on two CDs) and Fundamentals of Theology. See the Media Library if you're interested.

#### 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](http://www.ucg.org/familyweekend).

An updated flyer was sent this week. A few copies are on the Information Table in case you didn't get one via email.

### BUILDING UPDATES

#### Work Progress

This week the lighting bar installation was finished, decorative lighting was installed in the Kitchen and ladies' areas of the building, all HVAC unit drains installed, tile areas around the fixtures were grouted and the toilets and urinals were installed. Plans were finalized with the countertop vendors, the interior door frames were delivered, and the three large door openings in the center wall were trimmed out in anticipation of installation soon by Overhead Door.

Work also continued on the floor tiling (we're within about eight feet of the far side of the Auditorium) and tile base was installed in several areas. The exterior corner trim was installed on the front left corner of the building,

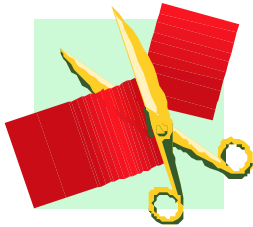
exit lights were delivered and installed for the exterior entry doors, all phone cables were tested, the Kitchen pass-through counters were built up, shaped and braced, and HVAC grills and some other trim items were painted.

There will be a work party this Sunday for those who can help, beginning at 9 a.m. to work on floor tile, trim painting, sweep the M/U end, and install TV brackets in the areas that will have a monitor.

Many thanks for all the volunteer labor on the building 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.

### **Building Dedication Plans**



**January 19 – 20, 2008** will be the weekend for our building dedication. We hope to be meeting in the building before then, but that's the first date that will work for the dedication. The weekend will consist of the dedication to be held on the Sabbath, and a ribbon-cutting and open house for the public the next day on Sunday, starting at 1 p.m. We hope as many local members as possible will be able to be there to welcome our visitors.

### **CHURCH BUILDING FUND**

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

Our current total of funds collected is \$277,024.

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**

**Cotton Enos** is still in rehab at Legend Oaks in Gladewater. The Weiss family is very grateful for the prayers and help they've been given.

**John Trotter** requests your prayers for healing of a premature ventricular contraction heart disorder that he was diagnosed with this week. He is undergoing additional tests to determine the cause.

**John Flynn's** 84-year-old father had a stroke and died last weekend. The family would appreciate your prayers for God's comfort and encouragement.