

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

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SABBATH SERVICES

Texarkana – 10:00 a.m.

Song Leader – James Neff
Sermonette – Morris Foster
Sermon – Ken Treybig

Ruston – 1:00 p.m.

Song Leader – Chris Teague
Sermonette – Scott Martin
Sermon – Bill Johnson

East Texas – 2:30 p.m.

Song Leader – Richard Hegna
Sermonette – Jim Moody
Sermon – Ken Treybig

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Local Directory Photos

Today is the deadline for the local church directory forms. Now it's time to get photos for the directory. If you need to update yours (check the one at the Information Center) or do not have a photo, Kelli Hogg will be taking photos in East Texas after services on February 20, and 27. Please be sure to get with her one of those Sabbaths. In Texarkana, please see Mr. Neff. In Ruston please see Linda Sitarski to have your photo taken.

Night to be Much Observed

We have contacted Chez Bazan about once again providing the food for the Night to be Much Observed on Monday Night, March 29, in the East Texas church hall. The cost last year was \$14 per person and they said they could do it for a similar price this year, but we need to know how many are interested.

Unlike last year, the kitchen crew has been shopping for plates, flatware, and glasses so they will not have to be brought by individuals. We would still need hosts for tables, people to plate the food, etc. as last year. What we need now is an idea of how many are interested in having the meal at the church hall. Please sign the list at the Information Center to help us gather this information.

East Texas Service Areas

Today is the last day to sign up! Please sign the list(s) for various service areas at the Information Center. Your volunteer service is critical to the smooth operation of our congregation and we appreciate the efforts of all those who serve their fellow members.

NOTE: We especially need some men to sign up for the Setup Crew and volunteers for the Cleaning Crew. Five people are needed on each cleaning crew which cleans about once every four weeks, and it takes about two hours each time we clean.

Building Safety

To help keep our building secure, when closing, please be sure to do a "rattle test" on the front doors and the one to the parking lot from the Multi/Use end to be sure the crash bar is released and the door is locked. Also be sure the classroom exterior door latches properly—especially in cold weather.

Our utility costs are way over budget, so if the heat or cooling is running, don't prop doors open—especially the exterior doors! When closing the building, if a door has a closer, it should be allowed to close. The only exception to that are the restrooms. We leave the heat on a low temperature in the hall to make sure the pipes don't freeze in the restrooms, but the thermostat is in the hall. So when closing the building, please make sure the bathroom doors are left open.

As a reminder, if you have an activity planned in the building after the cleaning crew has cleaned, you are responsible for leaving the building "Sabbath-Ready" after your activity. Specific areas of concern are: toys should be picked up in the family room, sinks wiped and dried, toilets flushed, trash bags containing food or

diapers placed in large trashcans outside.

Missing Wheelchair

We are still missing one of the wheelchairs in our church building. It is manufactured by Invacare, model 9000 Ride-Lite, and the serial number is 91G48146. Pat Creech regularly used this particular wheelchair during services. Please return the wheelchair or contact John Trotter if you have any information leading to its whereabouts.

Building Work Party

We're planning a building work party for tomorrow, Sunday, February 14, starting at 9:00 AM to take care of a number of items that have been accumulating and to run and bury the electrical conduit for the sign and lights by the driveways. We'll have a trencher, but there is always some hand digging that will be needed, so please bring shovels and gloves—and coats! It's supposed to be around 50 for a high and a mixture of sun & clouds, so the weather should be good. We'll also have a number of items to do inside (paint touch-up, replace stained ceiling tiles, move trash pile behind building to pit/burn pile, run electrical conduit, install one duplex outlet & cover, etc) so bring hand tools as well. We'll plan a simple (but hot) meal for lunch.

Men's Leadership Club

The next Men's Leadership Club is Sunday night, February 21, at 6:00 PM. Check the Information Center for the assignments.

Family Night

Tonight is Family Night. You may bring any board games, cards, etc., that you wish to play and share. We'll have ping pong, volleyball, basketball, and the usual activities

Growing Kids God's Way

Our next class is tonight starting with a potluck meal about an hour after services.

No Basketball Practice

Remember basketball practice for tomorrow has been canceled in Big Sandy to allow more participation in the work party at the building.

Women's Club

Ladies, mark your calendar for our next women's club meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 2 at 6:30 PM.

Exercise Classes

The adult exercise program this week is on Monday morning from 9-10 AM and Wednesday evening from 6:30-8:30 PM.

Phone Broadcasting Test

For those who do not have email but would like to have special announcements given to them via phone, please sign the list at the Information Center. We will experiment with a phone broadcast message system to see if it's feasible.

Spring Banquet/Dance

Ft. Worth's Annual Spring Banquet and Dance will be held the Sabbath between the two spring holy days, April 3rd. The venue is once again the Marriott Solana in Southlake. Attire for the evening is nice Sabbath wear to formal. The dance is for adults and teens, seventh grade and up. Babysitting is not provided; please make your personal arrangements.

Many of the brethren enjoy the convenience of booking lodging at the Marriott for Friday and/or Saturday. We have negotiated an exceptionally good rate of \$84.00 per room. Each room includes a complimentary full breakfast buffet for two, with a made-to-order omelet station. Please do not wait to secure your room. Our room block will be released on March 12th, when the discount rate expires. You must call the Marriott directly on or before March 12th.

The banquet meal includes: salad, entrée, dessert, tea, coffee, tax and gratuity. The cost for the meal and dance, with live band, is: **Steak \$32, Salmon \$27, Chicken \$26, Dance only: \$10.**

Order of Events:

2:00 - 4:00 Sabbath Services

6:30 - 8:00 Dinner

8:00 - 12:00 Dance featuring the band:

Sound Post

A ticket ordering form is on the Information Center. It must be post-marked by: **Thursday, March 18th.** A \$5.00 per person service charge will be due for late orders postmarked after March 18th. No orders will be accepted postmarked after March 22nd.

Little Rock Church Dance

You are invited to "Swing into the 40's" with the Little Rock UCG church this year. We will be hosting a family dance Saturday night, March 6th. Church families from Arkansas and bordering states are invited. Music played for the dance will be 40's big-band style, so it will be "family" friendly. A potluck buffet will be provided after Sabbath services. And, snacks and soft drinks will be provided during the dance. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed on the premises, so please don't bring any to the hall.

They need an estimate of how many plan to attend ASAP. Please e-mail barry3549@sbcglobal.net with this estimate by **February 14th**—that's this Sunday!

Directions to the Little Rock church hall can be obtained from the web site <http://little-rock.ucg.org>. The address is Jacksonville Senior Center, 100 Victory Circle, Jacksonville, AR 72076. Jacksonville is about 10 miles NE of Little Rock, just off US 67.

If anyone has questions, you can either call Barry Howdeshell at (501) 835-5310 or e-mail him at barry3549@sbcglobal.net.

Big Sandy Museum Concert

Next Saturday night, February 20, will be the annual Big Sandy Museum Concert, starting at 7:00 PM. Flyers for "The Magic of Music" are available at the Information Center. Talk to Mr. Ellis Stewart for more details.

TEENS & YOUNG ADULTS

Dallas Regional Teen Formal – "A Night Under the Stars"

The 9th annual Dallas Teen Formal will once again be held at the Southfork Hotel on Saturday night, March 20th from 6 - 11 p.m. The cost for the dinner and dance will be \$30.00 per person. The Southfork Hotel has once again extended the same group rate as last year for \$69.00 plus tax per room per night. Please contact the hotel directly to make a reservation – www.southforkhotel.com or by phone at 877-386-4383. Registration will start in January and end on **March 12th**. Check the website at www.ucg-dallas.org/teens for more details.

Graduating Senior Questionnaire: A questionnaire is on the Information Center for all graduating seniors that would like to participate in the Dallas Regional Teen Formal Recognition Ceremony. This completed form should be submitted directly to Tim and Melodie Smith at timandmelo@sbcglobal.net. **Deadline for Senior Questionnaire and photos is March 6th.**

Atlanta, GA Prom

The Spring Prom in Atlanta, GA, is on Saturday evening, March 13. The theme this year is "**Moonlight Through The Palms**" and tickets are \$20 per person, \$40 maximum per family. Reservations are requested by **February 27** to help with the planning. See the Information Center if you need more details.

United Youth Corps Projects

There are many United Youth Corps opportunities open to young adults ages 18-35 this year. The deadline for many of the projects is in February. If you are interested in finding out more about these opportunities, please see the detail on the write-ups at the Information Center.

Challenger II Project

The description of the Challenger II Wind Rivers Wilderness Expedition (July 18-26) is available at the Information Center. If you are interested in a challenging program designed to teach practical outdoor living skills as well as prepare participants for challenges and service in the future, check

out the program description to see if you want to apply.

BUILDING UPDATES

Building Fund Contributions

This week the building fund received \$142 in donations. Our current total of funds collected is \$362,815.

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.

Safety Drill

We now have plans set for potential emergencies at the building (fire, tornado, etc.) and are ready to publish the plan. However, to make sure it will work properly we need to do a drill. So we want to let you know we'll have a short "run through" after services soon.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Mr. Harold Rhodes (pastor of Mobile, Geneva, and Pensacola) continues to need our prayers. The last update we had said doctors felt they had removed all the infection and were starting the process of skin grafting.

Mr. Ken Collinworth (Ruston) began preparations this week for radiation treatment in about a month. The doctor is optimistic the cancer can be arrested. The Collinworths would appreciate your prayers.

Pat Creech (East Texas) had a new port for dialysis treatments installed in her arm on Friday and would appreciate prayers for its complete healing.

Mary Fletcher (Ruston) appreciates your prayers for her ex-husband, Jimmy Fletcher. He was released from the hospital early this week, but a day or two later was found wandering around outside disoriented and with 105 fever so he was admitted again.

Roger Bryant recently spent 8 more days in the hospital after some minor complications, but is home now and slowly returning to work. He and Lyna Jane would appreciate continued prayers.

Linda Laper (Texarkana) said her arm is doing much better and she has been cleared to return to work on Monday. She is very thankful for all the prayers and concern shown her during this time.