

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

## Announcements • February 20, 2010

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### SABBATH SERVICES

#### Texarkana – 10:00 a.m.

Song Leader – Ken Treybig

Split Sermon – Bill Johnson

Bible Study – Ken Treybig

#### Ruston – 1:00 p.m.

Song Leader – Harold Butler

Sermonette – Johnny Callender

Sermon – Les McCullough

#### East Texas – 2:30 p.m.

Song Leader – Mark Weiss

Split Sermon – Bill Johnson

Bible Study – Ken Treybig

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ETX Service Time Change

Mr. Vic Kubik, our guest speaker on March 5, needs to be at the LifeNets Boot Scoot fundraiser in Fort Worth that evening. Therefore services will be moved to 1:00 PM that day. Please mark your calendars so you don't forget the change of service time.

#### Local Directory Photos

Today is the last day 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 today. In Texarkana, please see Mr. Neff. In Ruston please see Linda Sitarski to have your photo taken.

#### Excused Absence Forms

It's time to prepare the excused absence forms for the Spring Holy Days. If you need one, please sign the list at the Information Center (one name per line, please) and we will prepare them to distribute the following Sabbath.

#### 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.

This year the kitchen crew has been shopping for plates, flatware, and glasses so they will not have to be brought by individuals as we did last year. 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.

#### 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 and was used by regularly by Pat Creech. Please return the wheelchair or contact John Trotter if you have any information leading to its whereabouts.

#### Men's Leadership Club

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

#### Growing Kids God's Way

Our next class is tonight starting with a potluck meal at 5:30 PM.

#### Choir Music

The adult choir will sing special music during the Days of Unleavened Bread. See Ed Weiss today for the music. The first practice will be Sunday, March 7.

#### Basketball Practice

The next practice is tomorrow from 9:00 AM until noon at the Big Sandy Middle School gym. The Houston regional basketball event is next weekend with a dance Saturday night for teens, games Saturday night for

adults, and games for teen and preteens on Sunday. See your captain or coach for details, maps, and housing information.

#### Women's Club

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

#### Proposed UCG Amendments

Three proposed amendments to the Bylaws of the United Church of God, *an International Association*, will be placed before the GCE for balloting at its annual meeting on May 2, 2010. As a part of that process, it is time to seek input from concerned Church members. A copy of each amendment is at the Information Center for your consideration. Anyone wishing to submit a Statement of Concern or Support regarding any of these proposals may do so. Statements are limited to 300 words, and must be **received** by Rick Avent, the Chairman of the Amendment Committee, on or before **Monday, March 15, 2010**.

#### Deacon/Elder Meeting

Our next deacon/elder meeting in East Texas will be Wednesday night, March 3, at 7 PM in the classroom of the church hall.

#### ABC Class

We received the ABC Minor Prophets class recently for the Media Library. It's a set of 3 CDs with the recordings in MP3 format. See the media librarian to check them out.

#### Exercise Classes

The adult exercise program this week is on Monday morning from 9-10 AM and Thursday evening from 6:30-8:30 PM. Everyone (all ages) is invited to join us for line dancing on Thursday evening beginning at 6:45 PM. Note: The exercise program will not be available Wednesday evening.

### Save the Date!

The church picnic brunch will be on Sunday, April 25. Further details will be coming!

### 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.

Rates for the Marriott are \$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 postmarked 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.

### Big Sandy Museum Concert

Tonight, February 20 is 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](http://www.southforkhotel.com) or by phone at 877-386-4383. Registration will start in January and end on **March 12<sup>th</sup>**. Check the website at [www.ucg-dallas.org/teens](http://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](mailto: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.

### Youth Corps

The deadline for the Youth Corps projects in Ghana (summer camp staff) and Zambia (teaching members) has been extended from February 15 to February 28. Fact sheets and an electronic application form are available from our pastor if you are interested.

## BUILDING UPDATES

### Building Fund Contributions

This week the building fund received \$100 in donations. Our current total of funds collected is \$362,915.

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

Thanks to all who participated in the safety drill last week. The drill was a great benefit to the Safety Committee in its planning.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Mrs. Norma Dick** (East Texas congregation) died around 6:40 AM on Thursday. The funeral will be in the East Texas church hall at 11 AM on Sunday. There will be a potluck meal for the family and friends after the funeral. Food can be brought to the church building starting at 10 AM Sunday. The family appreciates all the prayers and concern shown to Mrs. Dick and the family during her illness. They would appreciate prayers for God's comfort at this time.

**Mr. Harold Rhodes** (pastor of Mobile, Geneva, and Pensacola) is still in intensive care. However, he is off the ventilator, breathing on his own, and communicating with his wife Loree. Further surgery this week revealed no more bacteria. The surgeons are in the process of grafting skin and closing up the wound from the previous surgeries. Even though he may be in the hospital for at least two more weeks, he should be moved from intensive care in a few more days.

**Sam Dungan**, (member in the Laurel, MS congregation of our region) was involved in a serious accident at a chemical plant where he works. Several were injured when a hose or pipe burst spraying them with dangerous chemicals. Sam was airlifted to the trauma unit of a hospital in Mobile, AL, and was placed on a ventilator because his lungs are filling with fluid, including blood. He and his young family are in serious need of God's intervention and would appreciate your prayers.

**Wanda Callender** (Ruston congregation) appreciates your prayers for her brother, Donny Sindle, of Doucette, Texas. He is responding

well to treatments and the doctors are pleased with his progress. He still has a long way to go so please continue to pray for his progress.