

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

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SABBATH SERVICES

Texarkana – 10:00 a.m.

Song Leader – Lonnie Neff

Sermonette – Lonnie Neff

Sermon – James Neff

Ruston – 1:00 p.m.

Song Leader – Johnny Callender

Sermonette – Chris Teague

Sermon – Frank McCrady

East Texas – 2:30 p.m.

Song Leader – John Flynn

Sermonette – Ellis Stewart

Sermon – Leroy Neff

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ETX Service Time Change

Mr. Vic Kubik, our guest speaker next Sabbath, March 6, 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.

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.

Please sign the list at the Information Center to help us gather this information.

Passover Service Assistance

Any ladies needing assistance with the foot washing service at Passover,

please sign the list at the Information Center and/or contact Nancy Worthen (granaryst@juno.com).

Baptisms

We're happy to announce two baptisms in the last week. Elizabeth Carter (Texarkana) was baptized last Sabbath, February 20, and Mr. Audrey Williams (Ruston) was baptized on Thursday, February 25. We welcome them to the family!

Men's Leadership Club

The next Men's Leadership Club is March 13, at 6:00 PM. Check the Information Center for the assignments.

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 at 6:30 PM.

Basketball Practice

There is no practice tomorrow due to the Houston regional basketball event this weekend.

Women's Club

Please join us for Women's Club this Tuesday, March 2 at 6:30 PM! Our guest presenter, Janice McKee of Berne, Indiana, will teach multiple paper painting techniques with a variety of paints, inks, pastels and more. We'll experiment with a selection of specialty and common papers while learning skills which include brushwork, sponging, modified marbling, stamping, brayering, mono-printing, rubbing, resists and more. We'll also learn how to make beautiful note cards with hand painted paper. Please wear "paint clothes".

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.

Media Library

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.

Each week, four CDs are made of services. We ask that when you check out one of these CDs that you return it the following week. This allows more people to have access to CDs of services and less expense in making unnecessary copies. Thanks for your help!

Mid-week Bible Study

Our next mid-week Bible Study and potluck will be on Wednesday, March 10 starting at 11 AM. All are welcome.

Family Night

Saturday night, March 6 is our next 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

Class for this Friday has been canceled. Our next meeting will be on

the Sabbath of March 6, starting at 4:00 PM.

Exercise Classes

The adult exercise program this week is on Monday morning from 9-10 AM. 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!

East Texas Drive Safe

The National Safety Council Defensive Driving classes, with instructor Lee Stolley, will be held March 8th and 9th from 6:15-9:30 PM at the church building. The cost is \$25 per person and you must attend both evenings. To register, call: 903-841-2249.

Spring Banquet/Dance

Ft. Worth's Annual Spring Banquet and Dance will be held the Sabbath between the two spring holy days, April 3rd at the Marriott Solana in Southlake. 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. 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 cost for the banquet 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.

Teen Fundraiser Activities

Come out and support the teens as they conduct a car wash and a yard sale. The car wash will be Sunday, March 14 and the yard sale will be Friday, March 12 and Sunday, March 14. Both activities will be at the church building. If you have items that you can donate to the yard sale, you may drop them off at the church building beginning March 7. Stay tuned for further details!

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 graduating seniors. This completed form should be submitted directly to timandmelo@sbcglobal.net. *Deadline for Senior Questionnaire and photos is March 6th.*

BUILDING UPDATES

Building Fund Contributions

This week the building fund received \$561 in donations. Our current total of funds collected is \$363,476.

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 REQUESTS

Sam Dungan, (member in the Laurel, MS congregation of our region) who was involved in a serious accident at a chemical plant where he

works, was released from the hospital on Sunday. Shaleena, their two children (Ethan and Madeline), and the extended Dungan family are deeply appreciative of your fervent prayers and are confident that God has intervened. Your continued prayers are appreciated.

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Gertrud Schmid (Ruston congregation) reports that her colonoscopy and other tests last week showed no malignant polyps--but she has colitis, a hernia, gallstones, and a few other issues. They wanted to operate next Monday, but she said she's not strong enough yet. When she regains some strength she will start dealing with those items and would appreciate your continued prayers. She would like to thank everyone for their prayers and the cards she's received.

Steve Wood (Ruston) asks for prayers for his mother, **Rosemary Wood**. Although she had gotten strong enough to come home from the nursing home a couple weeks ago, in the last few days she has visibly weakened. We don't know for sure whether it's due to her cancer but I suspect it is. She is currently under hospice care at home. So we're asking in her behalf for prayers for healing if that is God's will.

Burk and Billie Sue McNair (San Antonio congregation) thank everyone for their prayers and concern for Burk's surgery February 17. He is home and recuperating. Your continued prayers are appreciated.

George Ellis (East Texas) goes back to the labor board on April 8 and asks for prayers that he can get his job back with the railroad after being laid off because of the Sabbath.

Linda Sitarski (Ruston) has had to put her husband, Michael, into a nursing home. After caring for him for ten years it has become too much for her. She would appreciate prayers that they are approved for Medicaid so they can afford it.

TEENS & YOUNG ADULTS