

# 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 – Shannon Lucas  
Sermon – James Neff

#### Ruston – 2:30 p.m.

Song Leader – Bill Johnson  
Sermonette – Chris Teague  
Sermon – Ken Treybig

#### East Texas – 2:30 p.m.

Song Leader – Jim Stewart  
Sermonette – Morris Foster  
Sermon – Steve McNeely

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Local Directory Photos

We only have two more Sabbaths to return the updated local church directory forms—the deadline is February 13. 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 6, 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

The sign-up lists for various service areas in the East Texas congregation will only be out today and next Sabbath. Please sign the list(s) of your choice 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.

#### Men's Weekend

The men's weekend was a great success. We had 75 men who joined us to build friendships and participate in the seminars covering topics relating to men and their roles in life. We ate well, stayed warm in the heated buildings even though the high on the Sabbath was in the mid-20s. And a variety of different topics were suggested to cover at another weekend next year.

#### 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.

#### Lost & Found

Due to a number of people being out of town this past Sabbath, we are extending the deadline to clear the Lost & Found items for the month of January. The items are now located on a cart in the multipurpose area. Please take a moment *today* to peruse the cart to see if any items may be yours. All unclaimed items will be donated this coming week.

#### Mid-week Bible Study

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

#### Basketball Practice

Practice tomorrow will be from 9 AM until noon, at the Big Sandy Middle School gym. Please note we will cancel practice on the 14th to allow more participation in the work party at the building.

### **Super Bowl Party**

We are unable to get the station that will air the Super Bowl this year at the church hall. Therefore we will have to cancel the Super Bowl party planned for Sunday night, February 7.

### **Men's Leadership Club**

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

### **Family Night**

Saturday night, February 13 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**

Our next class is Saturday night, February 13.

### **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.

### **East Texas Drive Safe**

The National Safety Council Defensive Driving classes, with instructor Lee Stolley, will be held February 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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.

### **President's Day Family Weekend**

The Branson Presidents' Day Family weekend, **February 12-15, 2010**, is only two weeks away. There is still

plenty of room at the Ramada Inn. Rooms are \$37 per room with a hot breakfast each morning for everyone in the room. It is time to make your reservations if you haven't done so. Also, don't forget to send the reservation for the Italian Feast on Saturday night.

There are several sign-up lists at the Information Center: 1) anyone interested in participating in the talent showcase, 2) sign up to volunteer to help with the weekend, and 3) volunteer to bring cookies and bars for dessert for the weekend. If you wish to help in any area, please sign up today or next Sabbath.

### **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](mailto:barry3549@sbcglobal.net) with this estimate by February 14th.

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](mailto:barry3549@sbcglobal.net).

## **TEENS & YOUNG ADULTS**

### **Teen Bible Study**

Teen Bible Study will be next Sabbath, February 13, when the teens visit Ruston for services. After the

Bible Study we'll have a pizza party and bowling.

### **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.

### **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 Work Party**

We're planning a building work party for Sunday, February 14, 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. Please mark your calendar and plan to come help.

### **Building Fund Contributions**

This week the building fund received \$254 in donations. Our current total of funds collected is \$362,673.

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) was taken by ambulance to this week with a serious infection of "flesh eating bacteria" on his backside. Doctors have done several surgeries to try to stop the spread of the infection and have apparently ruled out MRSA, but do not yet know the type of infection. His wife, Loree, and son David are with him and would appreciate your prayers.

**Linda Laper** (Texarkana congregation) found out last week that the spot on her lung has not crystallized and the doctor wants to check it again in three months to compare. So she was able to have the surgery this week to set her broken arm. All went well and she would appreciate prayers for a complete recovery.

**Wanda Callender** (Ruston congregation) appreciates your prayers for her brother, Donny Sindle, of Doucette, Texas. He has decided against radiation treatments for his prostate cancer. He is taking medica-

tion and will discuss other treatment options with his doctor on his next visit.

**Shirley Fulford** (Ruston congregation) reports that her son's surgery went well and he is home. Your prayers are appreciated.

**Mr. Ken Collinsworth** (Ruston) got the results this week of a biopsy that confirmed malignancy in his prostate. The urologist thinks it is localized but he will have a bone scan done next Monday to see if it has spread.

**Pat Creech** (East Texas) asks for prayers for her aunt on her father's side. Audrey Tyrell lives in Louisiana and is suffering from dementia and congestive heart failure.

**Mary Fletcher** (Ruston) would appreciate prayers for her ex, Jimmy Fletcher. He was hospitalized on Thursday for a stroke. He's diabetic and has a blood infection and bad infection in his legs. He may lose his legs if they cannot get the infection under control.