

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

## Announcements • March 13, 2010

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### SABBATH SERVICES

#### Texarkana – 10:00 a.m.

Song Leader – Lonnie Neff  
Sermonette – Camp Video  
Sermon – Bill Johnson

#### Ruston – 1:00 p.m.

Song Leader – Harold Butler  
Sermonette – Camp Video  
Sermon – Ken Treybig

#### East Texas – 2:30 p.m.

Song Leader – John Flynn  
Sermonette – Camp Video  
Sermon – Bill Johnson

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Camp Video

Several deadlines for camp applications are coming quickly. The Wind Rivers Challenger II program in Wyoming has a deadline of April 16, and UYC summer camps for teens have a deadline of May 1. This year's video explains how camp supports family—both physical and spiritual. Family is very important to God, as Paul shows in Ephesians 3:14-15 where he talks about the Father of the whole family in heaven and earth. Principles about family abound in God's Word and will be the theme for our Christian Living sessions at UYC camps this year. We're pleased to present this year's Camp Video for 2010 titled "*In Loco Parentis: How Camps Supports Family*".

#### Daylight Saving Time

It's that time again—turn your clocks forward one hour tonight.



#### Excused Absence Forms

Excused absence forms for the spring holy days are available today for those who signed the list last week. 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

Plans are being finalized for a wonderful evening of delicious food and uplifting fellowship. Today (March 13) is the last official day to sign up, so if you are planning to join us here in the church building and have not signed the list, please do so today.

The cost is \$14.50 per plate and \$7.25 for small children. Please send your payment to Sarah Baker by the end of next week, **March 20**. This is to accommodate Chez Bazan since they require time to plan as well. Those attending will be contacted next week with further details. In the meantime, if you have questions please contact Jim or Mary Beth Philp.

#### 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](mailto:granaryst@juno.com)).

#### Babysitting for Passover

Babysitting will be provided in the church building for those who need their preteen children looked after during the Passover service on Sunday night, March 28. Please sign the list at the Information Center if you will be using this service.

#### Cleaning Assistance for Passover

Volunteers are needed to assist with cleaning the church building for Passover and the Days of Unleavened Bread on Wednesday evening, March 24. Please contact Jim Walding if you are able to help.

Also, in preparation for the holy days, **please do not bring leavened products** into the church building after Sabbath, March 20.

#### Men's Leadership Club

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

#### Basketball Practice

Basketball practice this Sunday will be from 9:00 AM until noon at the Big Sandy Middle School gym. We changed the times due to Daylight Saving Time beginning this weekend.

#### Regional Weekend

Next weekend is the Teen Prom and final basketball weekend of the year in Dallas. Services and the prom will be at the South Fork Hotel, 1600 N Central Expressway (same as last year) with services at 1 PM (an hour earlier than last year). Doors open for the prom at 6 PM and the dance is from 7:45 to 11 PM.

Ball games are all at the Plano Sports Authority (601 Seabrook Dr) from 7:45 to 10:30 Saturday night and 8 AM to 2:30 PM on Sunday. See your coach or captain for a copy of the schedule.

#### Garage Sale

There will be a garage sale this Sunday from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM at the church building. Please stop by and see if there is anything you need. This is a fundraiser for the teen group. Thanks for your support.

#### Car Wash

With the Days of Unleavened Bread only two weeks away, stop by the church building and get your car washed. The teen group will be washing cars this Sunday from 11:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Stop by and get your car cleaned for the upcoming holy days.

#### 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 next **Monday, March 15**.

### **New Feast Site**

Mr. Kingsley Mather sent an email this week saying they were not able to finalize negotiations for a Feast in the Bahamas before the deadline to put the details in the March United News.

However, negotiations are now complete for the Sheraton Nassau Beach Resort, Nassau, Bahamas. Copies of the full description are available at the Information Center.

### **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**

The test of the phone broadcast system for those without email has proven to be a feasible option. If you do not have email and would like to receive special announcements via phone, please sign the list at the Information Center.

### **Lake Hawkins Campout**

The church campout at Lake Hawkins is scheduled for Friday night, April 9 through Sunday morning, April 11. We have the same five RV spaces reserved at the campground that we've had in the past. Come to the Information Center to find more details and to reserve your spot!

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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.

### **Houston North Golf Tournament**

The Annual UCG Houston North Golf Tournament will be on Sunday, April 25, 2010, at World Houston Golf Course, 4000 Greens Road, Houston, TX. Start time is 8:00 AM. Entry fee is \$50.00 (includes lunch), payment is due by 4/18/10 payable to Bruce Wasdin, 2310 Timbergreen Circle, Magnolia, TX, 77355 ([bwwasdin@gmail.com](mailto:bwwasdin@gmail.com)).

It will be a modified scramble format and all golfers are welcome. Additional tournament details are available at the Information Center.

## **TEENS & YOUNG ADULTS**

### **All State Basketball**

Congratulations to Jonathan Johnson, son of Mr-s. Bill Johnson. He was named to the TCAF all state basketball team for this year and invited to play in the All-Star Weekend in Crowley, TX on March 12-13<sup>th</sup>.

### **Challenger II**

Remember the Challenger II Wind Rivers program this summer for young adults up to 30-something, single or married. It's one week long, very challenging and is an experience you'll never forget. God's Church is looking for young adults who are committed to God's truth, and want to grow in godly character, leadership skills and the ability to serve others.

The dates are July 18-26. Details are available at the Information Center or from your pastor. You can also go to the Challenger II website to

download all necessary information and forms. The deadline to apply is **April 16**.

## **BUILDING UPDATES**

### **Building Fund Contributions**

This week the building fund received \$75 in donations. Our current total of funds collected is \$363,776.

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**

**Shirley Fulford** (Ruston) reports that the surgery for her daughter-in-law, Kristin Fulford, went well to remove the lump in her breast. The surgeon did not see anything that he thought should be cause for concern, but they won't know for sure until the biopsy report comes back next week. The family would appreciate your prayers.

**Linda Laper** (Texarkana) had a follow-up visit to the doctor today to check on her elbow. He said it is healing very well and she was released from his care. Thank you for your prayers!

**Linda Sitarski** (Ruston) is happy to say her husband was approved for Medicaid to cover the cost of the care center to which he has been moved. Special thanks for the prayers. She would also appreciate prayers to help him get acclimated to his new environment.

**Philip Hufton**, son of Ian and Thalia Hufton, is out of the coma and was sitting up in a chair on Thursday answering complex question with a dry-erase board. Doctors want to reduce the size of the trachea hole tomorrow to see if he can speak and also hope to have him up walking. It's been a week of great progress, though he still has a long road ahead of him. The family would appreciate your continued prayers.