

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 – Lonnie Neff
Sermon – Frank McCrady

Ruston – 1:00 p.m.

Song Leader – Chris Teague
Sermonette – Scott Martin
Sermon – Steve Wood

East Texas – 1:00 p.m.

Song Leader – Neil Crane
Sermonette – Ed Weiss
Sermon – Vic Kubik

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ETX Service Time Change

REMINDER: Services this Sabbath are at **1:00 PM**.

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

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. We need to have a commitment by March 20 to be able to guarantee the amount of food to order.

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).

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.

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 is on the stage Sunday at 6:30 PM.

Basketball Practice

Basketball practice this Sunday will be from 9:00 AM until noon at the Big Sandy Middle School gym. Due to the car wash and yard sale on March 14, we plan to have teen basketball practice from 8 to 9:30 (starting the car wash at 10) and adult practice from 9:30 to 11 AM.

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**.

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

Join the fun tonight for Family Night, starting at 7 PM. 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 meeting is today after services, starting at 4:00 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

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 message, 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!

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.

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.

TEENS & YOUNG ADULTS

Teen Bible Study

Remember we will have a teen Bible Study about 45 minutes after services this week. Those who wish to bring food for a potluck meal are welcome to do so since we'll babysit for Growing Kids God's Way and later have the Family Night.

Teen Fundraiser: Yard Sale

There will be a yard sale at the church building on Friday, March 12th, and Sunday, March 14th. We would like to invite you to drop off any donations you may have to be used in the sale at the building. The drop off days will be Sunday, March 7th from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM, Wednesday, March 10th and Thurs-

day, March 11th from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM. We really appreciate your help.

Teen Fundraiser: Car Wash

There will be a car wash by the teen group on Sunday, March 14th, from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Please bring your car by and get it washed and vacuumed prior to the Days of Unleavened Bread and support our local teens.

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.

BUILDING UPDATES

Building Fund Contributions

This week the building fund received \$225 in donations. Our current total of funds collected is \$363,701.

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

Steve Wood's (Ruston) mother, **Rosemary Wood**, died on Wednesday. The funeral was held Friday, March 5 in El Dorado, AR. The family would like to thank everyone for their prayers and thoughtfulness.

Adriane Banks (East Texas) is home after a stay in the hospital for treatment for a recurring illness. Doctors said she needs to stay in for a more few days to completely recover and the family would appreciate your prayers.

Philip Hufton, son of Ian and Thalia Hufton, was hit on his motorcycle last Saturday when someone ran a light or stop sign. He has facial fractures, many lacerations, and a crushed nose. He was in a coma until Thursday when he was taken off the respirator, responded to simple voice commands and gave his parents a "thumbs up" sign. He has a long way to go and the family would deeply appreciate continued prayers for his full recovery. They are so grateful for all the prayers and support for the whole family during this stressful time.