General Announcements

**Anncouncing FI-Online**

Beginning shortly, members will be able to start registering for the new Foundation Institute Online Bible classes. They will be offered on Wednesday nights, beginning in November. If you register online you will be able to ask questions after the class. If you don’t register, you can still watch, but it will be an archive video only, available on Thursdays.

Watch the September 20 *In Accord* video update at the Member website for more information. Details will be available soon.

**Food for Thought**

In our ongoing efforts to keep our hall tidy, we request that you please eat snacks only at the back of the auditorium or in the foyer on the 3rd floor. Cleaning up food crumbs in the general seating area is quite time consuming. Of course, children in Sabbath School supervised by adults may take snacks downstairs to the 2nd floor meeting room when class is in session. Thank you for your cooperation!

**Sabbath School**

Sabbath School will begin as soon as the children have gotten a snack. Please come down to the second floor meeting room. We will meet on all the remaining Sabbaths of this month.

**Feast Reflections**

Next Sabbath will be the Blessing of Little Children as well as our Feast Reflections potluck and activity. Please bring two of the following: main dish, vegetable, salad or dessert. Also, be sure to bring your Feast photo albums and other memorabilia for everyone to enjoy. Since we are asking for donations to cover the cost of gym rentals and socials, we will not have a congregational meeting that evening.

**Volleyball Practice**

There is no volleyball practice this weekend, but we will have practice on Sunday, October 21 and 28, from 9-11 AM at the Big Sandy Middle School Gym. You can check the calendar on the easttexas.cogwa.org website for other practice dates.

**Men’s Leadership Club**

Our next meeting will be on the Sabbath of October 27 after services at 5 PM in the second floor meeting room.

**Hard of Hearing Assistance**

We recently purchased a transmitter to help those with hearing difficulties. It transmits on the standard frequency used at the Feast, so if you have a headset you’re welcome to bring it.

**Young Adult Leadership**

The Church of God, a Worldwide Association, is pleased to announce its first Young Adult Leadership Weekend, to take place simultaneously in Atlanta, Georgia; Columbus, Ohio; and Portland, Oregon, on the weekend of Nov. 3-4, 2012, and again in Dallas, Texas, on Feb. 15-17, 2013.

The Church considers it essential to invest in the leadership development of our young adults to better enable them to use their talents and abilities in the work of God. Through these Leadership Weekends, the
Church wishes to educate, motivate and inspire its young adults to further fulfill leadership roles within the Church and the work by providing focused education, as well as social opportunities to interact with peers.

Keynote speakers for the weekend will be Jim Franks, COGWA president, in Atlanta; Doug Horchak, Ministerial Services operation manager, in Columbus; and Clyde Kilough, Media operation manager, in Portland. Their presentations will be streamed over the Internet to the other locations, so everyone will be able to benefit from each presentation. All seminars are designed to inspire and motivate our young adults in spiritual service. We hope you will register early and plan to join us for this special weekend!

For more information and to register, simply go to the COGWA members’ website and look for the “Young Adult Weekend” link, or go directly to http://members.cogwa.org/yalw/. This link will take you to the page where you may register for the weekend. We trust that this will be an outstanding weekend of education and inspiration!

**Teen Garage Sale**

Hoard no more! Save the dates of November 1 & 2 for the Teen Garage Sale fundraiser at the Vital Earth facility on Hwy. 80 in Gladewater. Watch for announcements about dropping off donated items. If you have any questions, please contact Nanette Ditto. Thank you in advance for supporting the teen fundraiser. Proceeds go toward offsetting the costs for the teens to attend Winter Family Weekend in December in Louisville, Kentucky.

**Houston Family Campout**

Attention: All campers!

Your brethren in the Houston area are once again pleased to invite you to join them for their fourteenth annual Houston Family Campout at the scenic Lake Livingston State Park – November 9-11. The park is located about 75 miles north of Houston out US hwy 59 in Livingston, Texas. There is a partial map and directions on the camping form. We have reserved Premium lakefront campsites, RV sites, and screened shelters (all sites have electricity & water. RV sites also have gray water hookups & 50/30 amp service). A “Welcome Dinner” is provided for arriving campers on Friday evening from 6 to 9 pm at the Activity Center. A hymn-sing and Bible Study are scheduled for the Sabbath. The park offers horseback riding, fishing, hiking, playground for kids, and more. Come and enjoy the great outdoors!

The deadline for making your reservations is Monday, November 5th.

Camping reservation forms are on the Information Table today.

**Thank You From Johnsons**

“Thank you so much for your prayers, love and concern for my Dad and our family during my Dad's illness and his death. Your calls, cards, and the lovely plant have brought much comfort. It is nice to have the support of our church family.”

--Bill, Dawn & family