Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • October 20, 2012

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Friday Sunset: 6:45 PM (ET), 6:34 PM (R)

East Texas: The Broadway, Tyler – 2:30 PM

Song Leader – Daniel Elliott Pianist – Wesley Johnson Sermonette – John Trotter Sermon – Ken Treybig

Ruston: Holiday Inn Express, Ruston – 1 PM

Song Leader – Steve Barnette Pianist – Johna Barnette Sermonette – Johnny Callender Sermon – Video

General Announcements

Announcing 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!

Feast Reflections

Today will be the Blessing of Little Children as well as our Feast Reflections potluck and activity. Please give the ladies time to set up before coming through the line. We will be on the 2nd floor. Since we are asking for donations to cover the cost of gym rentals and socials, we will not have a congregational meeting this evening.

Sabbath School

Sabbath School is **cancelled** today due to the potluck. We will meet again next Sabbath.

Be Our Guest Social

We waited until after the Feast to get started on this, but our **Be Our Guest** church social for East Texas is coming up in a few weeks and it's time to get signup lists going!

Last year this format was preferred over the "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" format since

this way hosts/hostesses will know who is coming to their house (and can therefore plan a little better) but it will still be a surprise to the guests. The date for the social is Saturday night, November 3! Host families will be asked to provide their home and the meat dish. Guests will matched with be up host/hostess and assigned their contribution – a starch side dish (rice, pasta, potatoes), a vegetable, a salad and/or a dessert.

Host families will find out their guests on or before Sunday, October 28, so you only have **two Sabbaths to sign up!** Each guest or guest family will be handed a map showing how to get to the host home on November 3. (Please note that we will not be able to use The Broadway for services on November 3 and are checking to make sure Boys and Girls Club is available for us.)

This event got lots of high praise from many people last year as an excellent way to get to visit more in depth over a meal in someone's home without it being a huge burden on one family. Don't miss out this year! Be sure to sign one of the lists today--either to host or be a guest for dinner on Saturday night, November 3!

Transcribers Needed

Elders – Here to serve you

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Greetings from Media Operations. We need to put together a team of volunteers who can transcribe sermons (and perhaps occasionally other audio/video projects) for posting on the member website. Everyone can benefit from having transcriptions, of course, but they help in particular those who are hearing impaired. In addition, we've had requests for transcriptions for those who don't have Internet access in order to provide them with a greater level of spiritual food.

We simply don't have the time or resources at the office to devote to filling this need, but we know that there are probably a number of members who would be delighted to serve in this project. The following are the general requirements for a transcriber:

- Basic computer and word processing skills.
- Good typing skills.
- Good knowledge of language and grammar rules. We will provide basic style guidelines, but you still need to have a good grasp of proper punctuation, capitalization, subjectverb agreement, etc.
- An attention to quality control, which is mainly the ability to carefully proofread and self-edit your work before sending it in.
- Free transcription software is available, but you may want to purchase a foot pedal.
- Previous dictation and transcription experience is not essential, but it is certainly a plus.

The time required would vary, of course; but we would adjust the assignments to fit each person's schedule. If this strikes your interest, please email me at clyde.kilough@cogwa.org, by Thursday, Nov. 1. We plan on organizing the transcription

team as soon as possible, and further information will be provided at that time.

Volleyball Practice

Volleyball practice will be tomorrow, October 21 and next week, October 28, from 9-11 AM at the Big Sandy Middle School Gym. You can check the calendar on the <u>easttex-as.cogwa.org</u> website for other practice dates.

The first regional VB weekend had to be moved from Austin due to a Grand Prix race, so we will be hosting it here in East Texas, November 17-18. Further details will come soon.

Men's Leadership Club

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

Teen Garage Sale

Hoard no more! Save the dates of **November 1, 2, & 4** for the Teen Garage Sale fundraiser at the Vital Earth facility on Hwy. 80 in Gladewater. Donated items may be dropped off on Sunday, October 21 & 28, from 9 – 11 a.m. during volleyball practice at the Big Sandy Middle School Gym. If you need assistance for large items such as furniture, please contact Nanette Ditto to make arrangements for a pick-up appointment.

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.

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, in just two weeks 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, 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 earnestly entreat you to join us for this special weekend and register before the registration deadline coming up in just a few days this Wednesday, Oct. 24!

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

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 re-Premium served lakefront campsites, RVsites. 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.

Winter Camp

Winter Camp is just around the corner. Teens will be coming together to enjoy six days of winter fun, friends and spiritual education that is unique to our camp program. Camp will run from Dec. 27 to Jan. 1. This year there is no conflict with the Winter Family Weekend in Louisville. Staff and camper applications are now being accepted. The staff application deadline is Nov. 1, and the camper deadline is Nov. 15. For more information and to register online, please visit the COGWA Youth Camps section of our website at http://camps.cogwa.org.