Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston Announcements • December 8, 2012

Ken Treybig, Pastor Web sites: http://cogwa.org, http://easttexas.cogwa.org Phone: 903-844-9246 Friday Sunset: 5:16 PM (ET), 5:05 PM (R)

East Texas: The Broadway, Tyler – 2 PM

Song Leader – Mark Benton Pianist – Wesley Johnson Sermonette – Rod Gehrke Sermon – Ken Treybig

Ruston: Holiday Inn Express, Ruston – 1 PM

Song Leader – Steve Barnette Pianist – Johna Barnette Sermonette – Chris Teague Sermon – Steve McNeely

General Announcements

FI-Online

The FI Online classes have gone very well, with the archive being posted at noon the following day. Remember you must register to access the archive as well as to watch the live stream on Wednesday nights at 8 PM Central Time.

You can register by going to http://foundationinstitute.org/ and clicking the FI Online button on the top right.

Sabbath School

Sabbath School will meet **today** after services. Please get a snack before coming to class. This will be our last meeting during the month of December.

Men's Leadership Club

Our next meeting is **tonight** after services, at 5 PM in the second floor meeting room.

Volleyball Weekend

We could not get a gym for this week so there is no volleyball practice tomorrow, December 9. Basketball practices will begin on January 6.

The next regional volleyball event will be next weekend December 15-16 in Houston. Services are at 2 PM in Spring and the games on Saturday night and Sunday will be at The Wave Complex, also in Spring. Information packets are available at the Information Table. Contact Debbie Ash at ash4@consolidated.net for housing with members.

Church Directory

It's time to publish a new local church directory. Forms will be handed out this Sabbath in East Texas and next Sabbath in Ruston. Being included in the directory is a personal choice and any have found them helpful and appreciate being able to stay in touch better ant learn/remember names easier.

Please fill in any changes that need to be made from the last directory and return it to Mr. John Trotter in East Texas and Mrs. Betty Brooks in Ruston.

Elders – **Here to serve you**

Ken Treybig, Pastor – (903) 844-9246 Les McCullough – (903) 636-5585 Leroy Neff – (903) 636-5248 Leon Walker – (903) 636-4928 We will run your photo again from last year, if we have one, unless you wish to have a new family photo taken. Please note on the form if you wish to have a new one taken.

Local Service Areas

After the first of the year, new sign up forms will be put on the Information Table. Please be sure to sign your name under any area(s) in which you would like to serve. We wanted to mention it now so you can be thinking about how you would like to help the congregation.

Winter Family Weekend

Time is running short to register for Winter Family Weekend this year. Details, including the theme and schedule can be found at the WFW website. http://members.cogwa.org/wfw, where you can also register and make housing reservations. It's shaping up to be another wonderful event for young and old alike with guest speakers, special Sabbath messages and seminars, sports, family activities and educational seminars by FI faculty and administration members. Be sure to register now if you plan to attend!

Branson Family Weekend

Frank McCrady – (903) 845-6882 Melton McNeely – (903) 769-3394 John Trotter – (903) 636-4515 You're all cordially invited to join us for the 17th annual Church of God Presidents' Day Family Weekend February 15-18 in Branson Missouri. Our theme for the weekend this year is "Growing Toward Spiritual Maturity."

This family oriented weekend features something for everyhave a get-We'll one. acquainted reception, family oriented seminars (given by COGWA pastors), and Sabbath Services with Mr. Doug Horchak, director of Ministerial Services, as guest speaker. Saturday evening we will have an Italian Feast (\$5 for adults, \$3 for children aged 4-11), a kids activity, and a Family Dance. Sunday we'll have more family seminars, a skating party, indoor mini-golf, and top off the day with a pizza party and game night. For those staying over Sunday night we have arranged some special prices on museums, etc.

For all young adults (18-40) we will also serve as a host for the Young Adult Leadership weekend the Church is sponsoring in several locations. We are committed to working with the young adults in the Church to help them develop their leadership skills for use in the Church. The Young Adult Leadership Weekend has a series of seminars specially prepared to help young adults prepare for continued service in the Church. There will be special leadership seminars by Mr. Franks and Mr. Kilough (live webcast from Dallas), and Mr. Horchak on Sabbath morning. Sunday morning we will have more special young adult seminars by Mr. Horchak, Mr. David Myers and others. (See the COGWA website for more details about the Young Adult Leadership Weekend agenda.)

Our host hotel again this year will be the Quality Inn on the Strip, 2834 W. Hwy 76, Branson. Rooms are just \$37 per night (1-4 per room) including a hot breakfast each morning for everyone in the room. You can make reservations beginning December 10 by calling the Quality Inn at 417-334-1194. Identify yourself as part of the Church of God President's Weekend group. For those not aware of it the Quality Inn has an indoor pool that is great for families.

More details and schedules of events will follow in a couple of weeks. Don't miss this midwinter opportunity to learn, play and fellowship with hundreds of your brethren from across the Midwest. We hope to see many of you in Branson for this fun and educational weekend!