

# Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

## Announcements • December 15, 2012

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Friday Sunset: 5:17 PM (ET), 5:06 PM (R)

### **East Texas: The Broadway, Tyler – 2 PM**

Song Leader – Mark Benton

Pianist – Ardith Weiss

Sermonette – Ed Weiss

Sermon – Melton McNeely

### **Ruston: Holiday Inn Express, Ruston – 1 PM**

Song Leader – Steve Barnette

Pianist – Johna Barnette

Sermonette – Gordon McCarty

Sermon – Scott Hammer

### **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.

#### **FI Continuing Ed Seminar**

Foundation Institute, Center for Biblical Education, is exploring the possibility of holding a five-day Continuing Education Seminar at the Headquarters office this coming summer for any who would be interested in attending.

The seminar is tentatively scheduled for the week of June 10-14, 2013. We would be providing approximately 30 class-hours of instruction using Foundation Institute instructors and administrators. The majority of the instruction would be biblical while the remainder would focus on application of biblical principles.

The cost for this seminar is tentatively set at \$75 for the first person in each family and \$50 for each additional person. This would cover all classroom expenses, and would also include lunch and refreshments each day for all participants. Participants would need to make their own arrangements for housing, breakfast and dinner.

Classes will be held at the Foundation Institute classroom, so we will need to limit the class to approximately 25 participants.

We will be happy to provide this educational opportunity, but we want to make sure there is adequate interest before we finalize our plans and announce it to the whole church. We are not asking for a firm commitment at this time, but we need a show of hands to see how many in this area would be seriously

interested in attending such a seminar.

#### **Sabbath School**

Sabbath School will not meet the rest of December. We will meet again next month.

#### **College Graduates**

Congratulations to our newest college graduates: Laura Burt and Wynn Worthen!

#### **Church Directory**

It's time to publish a new local church directory. Forms will be handed out this Sabbath in Ruston. If you didn't receive a form last week in East Texas, please see Mr. John Flynn. Being included in the directory is a personal choice and many have found them helpful and appreciate being able to stay in touch better and learn/remember names easier.

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

#### **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

Frank McCrady – (903) 845-6882

Melton McNeely – (903) 769-3394

John Trotter – (903) 636-4515

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!

### **Men's Leadership Club**

Our next meeting will be January 5 at 4:45 PM in the second floor meeting room.

### **Boot Scoot Fundraiser**

It is time to register for the annual Boot Scoot & BBQ (Risky's famous beef ribs) COGWA Camp Scholarship Fundraiser to be held in North Richland Hills on February 9th this year! All registration must be completed by January 20, 2013. Please include the names of all attending, even those under the age of 12 who will be sharing a plate with a parent. It is very important that we have the exact number of attendees in order to have a correct table count. There are some registra-

tion forms on the Information Table, and you can get all the info at [www.bootscoot.org](http://www.bootscoot.org).

You can pay online, but PayPal charges for that so if you can mail a check it will allow more funds to be used for camp scholarships.

### **Branson Family Weekend**

You're all cordially invited to join us for the 17<sup>th</sup> 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 everyone. We'll have a get-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 pre-

pared 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. We hope to see many of you in Branson for this fun and educational weekend!