

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • December 22, 2012

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Friday Sunset: 5:20 PM (ET), 5:08 PM (R)

East Texas: The Broadway, Tyler – 1:30 PM

Webcast from WFW

Ruston: Holiday Inn Express, Ruston – 1:30 PM

Webcast from WFW

General Announcements

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 an estimate of how many in this area would be seriously interested in attending such a seminar. Please contact Mr. Treybig if you did not raise your hand last week but would be interested in attending.

Sabbath School

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

Church Directory

It's time to publish a new local church directory. If you didn't receive one, please see Mrs. Betty Brooks in Ruston or Mr. John Flynn in East Texas. 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

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.

Men's Leadership Club

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

Basketball Practice

Basketball practice will begin Sunday, January 6, 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.

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

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 registration forms on the Information Table, and you can get all the info at 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 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 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 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. We hope to see many of

you in Branson for this fun and educational weekend!

Young Adult Leadership

The Church of God, a Worldwide Association, is pleased to announce new times and locations for our Young Adult Leadership Weekend, to take place simultaneously in Dallas, Texas; Branson, Missouri; Los Angeles, California; and Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota, over the weekend of Feb. 16-17, 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.

Dallas will be our primary location, webcasting the keynote presentations: Jim Franks, COGWA president; Doug Horchak, Ministerial Services operation manager; and Clyde Kilough, Media operation manager. Each of the other sites will have a mix of webcast and in-person presentations. 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/yaww>

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Prayer Requests

Mr. Les McCullough had heart bypass surgery this week. The surgery went well and he's recovering at Good Shepherd in Longview. Thank you for your prayers.

Nancy Elliott would appreciate prayers for her to be seizure free for as long as possible since the doctors will want to take the baby if she has one at this point in her pregnancy.

Katherine Goodchild is home doing well after her recent tests and is grateful for your prayers.