Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston Announcements • December 29, 2012

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East Texas: The Broadway, Tyler – 2 PM Song Leader – Mark Benton Pianist – CDs Sermonette – Gordon McCarty Sermon – Reese Brown

Ruston: Holiday Inn Express, Ruston – 1 PM

Song Leader – John Ivey Pianist – Vicky Morton Sermonette – Johnny Callender Sermon – Dave Johnson

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 would be interested in attending but have not yet let him know.

Sabbath School

Sabbath School will not meet this week or next. We will meet again on January 12 after services.

Local Service Areas

Beginning next Sabbath, new sign up forms will be put on the Information Table in East Tex-

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as. Please be sure to sign your name under any area(s) in which you would like to serve.

Men's Leadership Club

Club will meet again next Sabbath, January 5, at 4:45 PM in the second floor meeting room.

Basketball Practice

Basketball practice will begin next Sunday, January 6, from 9-11 AM at the Big Sandy Middle School Gym. You can check the local calendar on the <u>easttex-</u> <u>as.cogwa.org</u> website for other practice dates.

Teen Bible Study

There will be a teen Bible study January 19 at 5 PM at the Broadway.

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 registrations 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 Pay-Pal charges for that so if you can mail a check it will allow more funds to be used for camp scholarships.

Branson Family Weekend

Remember the Presidents' Day Family Weekend is February 15-18 in Branson Missouri. This year's theme is "Growing Toward Spiritual Maturity."

The weekend features something for everyone—a getacquainted reception, family oriented seminars an Italian Feast (\$5 for adults, \$3 for children aged 4-11) on Saturday night, a kids activity and a family dance. Sunday plans include more family seminars, a skating party, indoor mini-golf, and 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.

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 by calling the Quality Inn at 417-334-1194. Identify yourself as part of the Church of God President's Weekend group. The Quality Inn has an indoor pool that is great for families.

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 inperson 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 <u>http://members.cogwa.org/yalw</u> /. 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!

Prayer Requests/Updates

Mr. Les McCullough was able to have all the normal tubes removed last weekend after his bypass surgery—but they irritated his throat. As of Thursday he had not yet passed a swallow test, which the hospital requires before they will release him. A speech therapist will be working with him now and the family would appreciate prayers he can pass the test with flying colors soon. They are grateful for all the prayers and concern shown for him.