

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • May 18, 2013

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Friday Sunset: 8:13 PM (ET), 8:03 PM (R)

Sabbath Services

East Texas: Boys & Girls Club, Tyler – 2:30 PM

Song Leader – Ed Weiss

Pianist – Ardith Weiss

Sermonette – Gordon McCarty

Sermon – John Trotter

Ruston: Holiday Inn Express, Ruston – 1 PM

Song Leader – Johnny Callender

Pianist – Vicky Morton

Sermonette – Preston Buchanan

Sermon – Ken Treybig

Pentecost Services

10:30 AM-East Texas: Maude Cobb, Longview

Song Leader – Mark Benton

Pianist – Wesley Johnson

Offertory – Ed Weiss

Sermon – Ken Treybig

10:30 AM-Ruston: Holiday Inn Express, Ruston

Song Leader – John Ivey

Pianist – Vicky Morton

Offertory – Chris Teague

Sermon – Video

2:30 PM-East Texas: Maude Cobb, Longview

Song Leader – Daniel Elliott

Pianist – Ardith Weiss

Sermonette – Preston Buchanan

Sermon – Video

2:30 PM-Ruston: Holiday Inn Express, Ruston

Song Leader – Connor Kelley

Pianist – Johna Barnette

Split Sermon – Johnny Callender

Split Sermon – Chris Teague

General Announcements

Location for Services

Services for East Texas will be at the Boys & Girls Club this week and Orr Elementary next week, the 25th. For June we will be at Boys & Girls Club the 1st and 22nd and at Orr Elementary the other three Sabbaths—8th, 15th and 29th.

Choir Practice

There will be a short adult choir practice by the piano today ten minutes after services. We will go over the song we will be singing on Pentecost.

FOT Registration

We would like to remind the brethren that the deadline for initial registration for the Feast is this coming **Monday, May 20th**. Please encourage all to register—even those undecided, as they can change their reservation later by selecting “Change Existing Registration” on the COGWA Feast of Tabernacles page.

Festival Assistance

Each year we offer assistance to those who have faithfully saved their festival tithe but need some help to attend the Feast. To help those in the office plan properly we need to have all requests in by June 10. If you will need some financial

assistance, please see our local festival advisors (Eric Case and Chris Teague) ASAP.

Feast Housing

General Feast housing reservations began on Monday. If you are having trouble making suitable reservations please check with our local Feast Advisors.

Tithe of the Tithe

Years ago the Church of God established a tradition of asking members to contribute a tenth of their festival tithe – known as a “tithe of the tithe” – to the Church to cover the many expenses incurred in providing so much of what we enjoy at the Feast. These expenses include hall rent, office equipment, audio and video equipment, decorations, activities, etc. Since all of us benefit from these items, it is appropriate that we contribute a portion of the festival tithe we have saved to meet those expenses. If you are unable to contribute a full tenth of your festival tithe but would still like to help out, all such contributions are still appreciated.

If you send a contribution to the Church mailing address in Dallas to help meet these Feast expenses, please label it “tithe of the tithe” so we will know

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your intent. You may include those funds with regular tithes and offerings if you wish – just clearly indicate how much you wish to designate for this purpose.

Excess Festival Tithe

Through the years many of us have seen and experienced a variety of ways in which God has fulfilled His promises to bless those who faithfully tithe. While some members have little or no tithable income, the generosity of their spiritual brothers and sisters has enabled hundreds to share in the blessings of the Feast of Tabernacles each year. On their behalf, we wish to extend a warm “Thank You!” to those who have shared their abundance.

Once again this year we will be able to provide financial assistance to those brethren who would be unable to attend the Feast without help. Government regulations permit charitable organizations to provide a modest amount of financial aid to those in need so they can share in this kind of religious activity. Therefore, we have established policies and procedures that allow the Church to legally, fairly, and equitably provide this special benefit to members who qualify.

To accomplish this, your help is important. If you are able to contribute excess festival tithe to be used to help your brethren attend the Feast, please begin sending in those funds to the Church mailing address in Dallas. You may include those funds with regular tithes and offerings if you wish – just be sure to indicate how much you

wish to designate for this special purpose.

Thank you in advance from the many who will be able to enjoy the Feast of Tabernacles this year as a result of your generosity in sharing the blessings God has given you.

Graduation Reception

We will have a reception honoring this year’s high school and college graduates next Sabbath, May 25. We are asking that everyone bring non-dessert snacks. Please sign the cards on the Information Table for our high school graduates.

Camp Carter Applications

Staff applications for CYC-Carter were due this past Wednesday. If you are planning to apply and haven’t done so yet, we are still accepting staff applications. We are in need of a certified lifeguard as well. The camper application deadline is June 1st. To apply online to serve on staff or attend as a camper, go to <http://camps.cogwa.org>. This year camp runs from June 30th to July 7th.

Camp Registration

The Houston preteen camp location is now finalized. It will be in New Caney, just north of Houston, from August 11 to 14. Activity details and costs are now available on the camp website (\$175 for campers and \$30 for staff). Registration is open at <http://camps.cogwa.org>.