

# Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

## Announcements • May 25, 2013

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Friday Sunset: 8:18 PM (ET), 8:08 PM (R)

### **East Texas: Orr Elementary, Tyler – 2:30 PM**

Song Leader – John Flynn

Pianist – Wesley Johnson

Sermonette – Reese Brown

Sermon – Ken Treybig

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

Song Leader – Chris Teague

Pianist – Vicky Morton

Sermonette – Gordon McCarty

Sermon – John Trotter

### **General Announcements**

#### **Location for Services**

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

#### **Graduation Reception**

Today is the reception for this year's graduates. Please join us in celebrating their accomplishments after services today.

#### **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 were opened last week. 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

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.

#### **Elders – Here to serve you**

Ken Treybig, Pastor – (903) 844-9246

Frank McCrady – (903) 845-6882

Melton McNeely – (903) 769-3394

John Trotter – (903) 636-4515

Scott Hammer – (903) 845-5189

Les McCullough – (903) 636-5585

Leroy Neff – (903) 636-5248

Leon Walker – (903) 636-4928

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.

### **Camp Carter Applications**

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

### **Camp Registration**

The Houston preteen camp 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>.

### **Foundation Institute**

Are you seriously considering your future, and especially the spiritual footing on which it will be built? Then this may be the

best time in your life to consider Foundation Institute!

As the frontline education arm of the Church of God, a Worldwide Association, Foundation Institute offers a nine-month immersion program for those who are ready to learn and study God's Word. If you are committed to following God, are growing in godly character and have the maturity level needed to meet the challenge of an intense academic program, then we are looking for you!

Realizing that age alone is not always the perfect indicator of how mature a person may be, the Church's administration recently decided to slightly amend the age requirement for acceptance into the program. Please note that all students must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- a. Must be at least 20 years of age by Dec. 31 of the year in which they apply—e.g. for the 2013-2014 academic year, they must be 20 or older by Dec. 31, 2013.
- b. Must be at least 19 years of age by Dec. 31 of the year in which they apply—e.g. for the 2013-2014 academic year, they must be 19 by Dec. 31, 2013—AND must have completed at least one full year of college courses (online classes or high school Advanced Placement courses do not apply).

The other admission requirements remain unchanged.

Since we realize this could have an impact upon a few of our young adults, we are also extending the application deadline for this coming academic

year to **Monday, June 30, 2013.**

If you think the Foundation Institute program is what you want and you are ready to commit yourself to a concentrated study of God's Word and its impact upon your life, don't delay! Space is limited, and the application deadline is right around the corner.

Admission requirements and applications can be downloaded at <http://foundationinstitute.org>.