

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • June 8, 2013

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Friday Sunset: 8:26 PM (ET), 8:16 PM (R)

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

Song Leader – Ed Weiss

Pianist – Ardith Weiss

Sermonette – John Trotter

Sermon – Bill Johnson

Ruston: Holiday Inn Express, Ruston – 1 PM

Song Leader – Johnny Callender

Pianist – CDs

Sermonette – Gordon McCarty

Sermon – Steve McNeely

General Announcements

Location for Services

Services for East Texas will be at Orr Elementary this week and next week, the 15th. We will be at the Boys and Girls Club on the 22nd, and then back at Orr Elementary for the 29th.

Ministerial Conference

Thank you for your prayers about this year's Ministerial Conference. They were answered very positively with inspiring, educational and encouraging presentations as well as wonderful fellowship. There is no *In Accord* this week, but next week's issue will give a report on the conference.

Help Needed

If anyone is able to help with some finishing touches on the trailer for AJ and Cina Zepada this Sunday, contact Toby

Shipman on his cell. The number is 903-738-0233.

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**, next Monday. If you will need some financial assistance, please see our local festival advisors (Eric Case and Chris Teague) ASAP.

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.

Elders – Here to serve you

Ken Treybig, Pastor – (903) 844-9246

Frank McCrady – (903) 845-6882

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John Trotter – (903) 636-4515

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Leroy Neff – (903) 636-5248

Leon Walker – (903) 636-4928

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.

To accomplish this, your help is important. If you are able to contribute excess festival tithes 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.

Deacon/Elder Meeting

There will be a Deacon/Elder Meeting Monday, June 17, at 7 PM at Hillcrest.

Teen Activity-Lake Hawkins

There will be a teen activity at Lake Hawkins Sunday, June 23, as discussed in our meeting after services last week.

Camp Carter Applications

Registration is officially ending for Camp Carter. However, the link on the camp website remains active. If you would like to go, register online at the camp website and you may still be able to get in. This year camp runs from June 30th to July 7th.

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 available on the camp website (\$175 for campers and \$30 for staff). Registration is still 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>.