

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • June 15, 2013

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Friday Sunset: 8:29 PM (ET), 8:19 PM (R)

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

Song Leader – Mark Benton

Pianist – Wesley Johnson

Sermonette – John Flynn

Sermon – David Evans

Ruston: Holiday Inn Express, Ruston – 1 PM

Song Leader – John Ivey

Pianist – Johna Barnette

Sermonette – None

Sermon – Ken Treybig

General Announcements

Location for Services

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

Father's Day

We wish all our fathers a Happy Father's Day tomorrow, June 16.

Deacon/Elder Meeting

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

Teen Activity-Lake Hawkins

Hey teens! Make sure you have the date of Sunday, June 23, marked on your calendar for a great time at Lake Hawkins. We'll have a meal and enjoy

some time cooling off in the water tubing and water skiing!

Conference Update

This week's *In Accord* video update is about last week's ministerial conference in the Dallas area. More specifics will be coming in future updates, but this week Mr. Franks spoke about the fact that six COGWA elders were honored for their faithful service in the ministry for fifty years or more. As I mentioned in last week's Pastor's Update, four of them are in our East Texas congregation. The video presentation about each of their lives which was played at the conference is shared within the update. The URL for the update is <http://members.cogwa.org/news/>.

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. 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

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

You can mail it in or donate online, but please be sure to label it “tithe of the tithe” so we will know your intent.

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 or donate online. Just be sure to indicate it is excess Festival Tithes.

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 Registration

Since the Houston preteen camp will take place from August 11 to 14, it is not too late to still sign up. Activity details and costs are also available on the camp website (\$175 for campers and \$30 for staff) 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!

A modification in the age criteria was recently made and is posted on the FI website. In addition, the deadline to apply for

this coming academic year was extended to **Monday, June 30**.

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>.