## Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

## Announcements • June 22, 2013

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Friday Sunset: 8:31 PM (ET), 8:21 PM (R)

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

Song Leader – Daniel Elliott Pianist – Ardith Weiss Split Sermon – Steve McNeely Bible Study – Ken Treybig

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

Song Leader – Connor Kelley Pianist – Johna Barnette Sermonette – Chris Teague Sermon – Scott Hammer

#### **General Announcements**

#### **Location for Services**

Services for East Texas will be at the Boys & Girls Club this week. Next week, the 29<sup>th</sup>, we will be back at Orr Elementary.

#### **Teen Activity-Lake Hawkins**

Hey teens! Tomorrow is our teen activity at Lake Hawkins starting at 11 AM. Bring your camping chairs, any PFDs you have, and contact Nancy Case if you don't have your food assignment. We'll eat at 12:30 and enjoy some time cooling off in the water tubing and water skiing until 4 or 5 PM.

#### 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.

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 tithe 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 Tithe.

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.

#### **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 ninemonth 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

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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 <a href="http://foundationinstitute.org">http://foundationinstitute.org</a>.