

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • August 31, 2013

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Friday Sunset: 7:48 PM (ET), 7:39 PM (R)

East Texas: 708 E Broadway, Gladewater – 2:30 PM

Song Leader – Daniel Elliott

Pianist – Wesley Johnson

Split Sermon – Gordon McCarty

Split Sermon – Rod Gehrke

Ruston: Holiday Inn Express, Ruston – 1 PM

Song Leader – Conner Kelley

Pianist – Johna Barnette

Sermonette – Chris Teague

Sermon – Ken Treybig

General Announcements

Excused Absence

If you need a fall excused absence form, please sign the list on the Information Table—one name per line, please.

Sabbath School

We will have our first Sabbath School lesson today after services in the classroom. Please bring a snack before coming to class. The other tentative dates are listed on the local calendar.

Adult Choir Practice

We will have a short choir practice after services to prepare for singing on Trumpets. Please meet with Ed Weiss at the piano by the lectern.

Men's Leadership Club

Our first meeting of Men's Leadership Club will be to-

night, 45 minutes after services at the Gladewater hall in the classroom. We will have a topics session and all former club members will give a 5-minute ice-breaker for the benefit of our new members. Additional meeting dates will be confirmed at that meeting.

Feast of Trumpets

We will have services at 10:30 AM and 2:30 PM in our Gladewater hall on the Feast of Trumpets this Thursday, September 5. We are also planning a potluck meal between services for those who would like to participate. This will be our first meal at the new hall, so it will be a 'trial run' for future meals and we appreciate your patience as we learn our way in the new location.

Teen Bible Study

Our first teen Bible study to kick off this year's activities will be next Saturday, September 7, at the Shipmans' home starting at 6:30 PM. We will have a potluck meal followed by the Bible study.

Volleyball Practice

Our first volleyball practice this year will be at the Big Sandy Middle School Gym

from 9-11 AM on Sunday, September 8.

CYI Holy Day Lessons

Once again, our youth education lessons for the fall holy days are available! We have prepared lessons on the topics of each of the four fall holy days for Church families/parents to use in teaching their children God's truth and His way of life. Our desire is to help parents fulfill the biblical instruction found in Deuteronomy 6:6-7: "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up."

These fall festival lessons are designed for use in a family setting where parents can instruct their children in God's plan, which is revealed through the holy days. Each lesson has an overview, Scripture discussion and supplemental activities. We encourage all parents to download each lesson and read through them with your children. Then you may reinforce and elaborate on the lesson with age-appropriate, supplemental material and activities, such as

Elders – Here to serve you

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coloring pages, drawing activities, word games, fill-in-the-blank activities, discussion topics, further research, etc., that can also be downloaded from the lesson site. Since you can adjust these lessons to fit the ages of your children, parents of teenage children will also find these lessons helpful and instructive for their teens.

Simply go to the COGWA Feast web page and look for the "Feast Youth Lessons" link, or click [here](http://feast.cogwa.org/cyi) <http://feast.cogwa.org/cyi>. This link will take you to the page where you may download all the materials. We trust that this will be an effective way of helping our parents teach God's way to their children.

In addition to these family lessons, several of our U.S. Feast sites will offer two classroom-style lessons at the Feast for children in grades K through 5. Look for these announcements in your site's Festival brochure to see if these classes will be offered at your site.

Feast Children's Choir

Remember the children's choir music for this year's Feast is posted on the Feast website; but due to copyright issues, it is password-protected. The login credentials were sent with the August 2 Pastor's Update. If you missed that, please contact the pastor. We have permission to post the files, but not to share them with anyone who is not attending a COGWA Feast site. Your help in respecting the copyright and royalty rights of the composers is greatly appreciated.

Branson Announcements

We need to know how many need special handicapped drop-off placards and how many need handicapped parking. Drop-off is for those where the driver is able but needs to pull up to drop off disabled individuals. They can then park in general parking. Handicapped parking is for those who need to park close, whether they need to drop off at the door or not. If you need either of these services, please see your local festival advisor, Eric Case for East Texas and Chris Teague in Ruston **today**.

We will again be decorating the stage with stuffed animals on the day the Children's Choir sings. These animals will then be given to all the children attending in Branson after services. If you would like to help us you may bring a stuffed animal or two with you to the Feast (or purchase one after arriving) to use as stage decorations.

For those who requested show discount information, we will be sending that out in the next day or so. You didn't miss out on it. Thanks for your patience. We have a number of new establishments participating this year.

Teen Garage Sale

The teen garage sale is planned for the beginning of November. We will have dates for drop-off or pick-up of your items shortly after the Feast. Thank you in advance for supporting the teen fundraiser!