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East Texas: 708 E Broadway, Gladewater – 2 p.m. Song Leader – Ed Weiss Pianist – Ardith Weiss Sermonette – Rod Gehrke Sermon – Steve McNeely

Ruston: Holiday Inn Express, Ruston – 12-noon

Song Leader – John Ivey Pianist – Vicky Morton Split Sermon – Ken Treybig Bible Study – Ken Treybig

General Announcements

Ruston Services

Services will begin at 12-noon today in Ruston. We will have a finger food lunch between the service and the Bible Study.

Sabbath School

We will not have Sabbath School this week. We will meet again next week.

Men's Leadership Club

Men's Leadership Club will meet **tonight**, 45 minutes after services at the Gladewater hall.

Discern Magazine Print Subscription

You should have already received your first copy of *Discern* magazine. In order to receive a printed copy every two months as each new issue comes out, please see Betty Brooks (Ruston) Carl or Goodchild (East Texas) to sign up for this service. We will need your name and correct mailing address in order to provide you with a personal copy. To make sure you receive the second issue of Discern, the deadline for providing this information is Feb. 8. Of course, we will be pleased to add subscribers after this date, but we can't guarantee that you will receive the second issue.

Basketball Practice

Basketball practice will be at the Big Sandy Middle School Gym tomorrow, Sunday, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Our first regional basketball weekend will be here in East Texas on Jan. 25 and 26.

Recent College Grads

We have three children of East Texas members who graduated from college last month. Jessica and Jed Drumm both finished their programs at Northeast Texas Community College and Cassie Richards completed her Bachelor of Arts Degree majoring in Historical Studies at University of Texas at Dallas.

Basketball Weekend Housing

Friday Sunset: 5:32 p.m. (ET), 5:23 p.m. (R)

The first regional basketball weekend is coming up on the weekend of Jan. 25-26 here in East Texas. If you are able to provide housing for those who will be traveling here, please sign the list on the Information Table. If you have any questions, please contact Rochelle Boyce.

Deacon/Elder Meeting

Our next Deacon/Elder meeting will be on Tuesday, Jan. 14, at the Gladewater Hall at 7 p.m.

Teen Bible Study

The next teen Bible Study will be next Friday night, Jan. 17, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Cases' home. Remember to bring a dessert to share after the study.

Friday Night Live

Live! Friday night, Jan. 17, 2014, we kickoff our first young adult live webcast Bible study. Coming every third Friday evening of the month at 7 p.m. Central time, all of our young adults and older teens are invited and encouraged to join us for these interesting and relevant special Bible studies. Each month will feature a different presenter and topic of interest

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We've titled the studies "Friday Night Live-COGWA Bible Study for Young Adults." The live studies will be accessed through the COGWA members' website. You will be able to log onto this page, http://members.cogwa.org/fnl, for dates and information about the upcoming studies, as well as to click on the link to connect to the live webcast. During the study, we will also encourage you to send in comments and questions about the topic at hand. We'll do our best to address as many as we can online. The link to the live webcast landing page is active now and gives details of the monthly study and the upcoming speaker and topic.

Also, watch for the creation of our "Friday Night Live" Facebook page for you to join. This way we can carry on the discussion of current and past studies with each other.

Our first FNL—to take place next Friday evening, Jan. 17, 2014, at 7 p.m. Central (8 p.m. Eastern, 6 p.m. Mountain and 5 p.m. Pacific)—will be hosted by Dave Myers, pastor of the Akron-Canton and Youngstown, Ohio, congregations, and will answer the question "Why is it so hard to tell the whole truth?" Join us on Jan. 17 for our first "Friday Night Live" Bible study!

Movie & Popcorn Night

We will be having a movie and popcorn night on Saturday night, Jan. 18, after sundown at the Gladewater Hall. Please bring finger foods to share for a light meal before sundown. We are looking for a good movie for the preteens in the classroom and one for the teens and adults to show in the auditorium.

Boot Scoot

Registration for Boot Scoot on Saturday night, Feb. 8, is open! You can register now at <u>www.bootscoot.org</u>.

Please note a change in ticket prices this year. Ages 10 and up are \$20 and ages 3-10 are \$5. Kids under 3 are free.

All tickets must be paid for by Feb. 1, 2014. <u>You cannot</u> <u>pay at the door this year.</u> Seating is limited, so first come first serve. After Feb. 1, tickets will increase to \$25.00 per adult and \$10.00 per child. Feb. 5 is the last day you can register!

We are accepting auction items until Feb. 5th. Please contact Brenda or Kelli Hogg if you would like to help. Please note that NO auction items can be accepted that evening. We must have all auction items prior to the event to create bid sheets and to stay organized. (Note, we had several items get lost last year that were brought that evening so we need to have every item in advance! Thanks for your help!)

We are looking forward to another successful event and we hope to see you there!

Young Adult Weekend

Remember the second Young Adult Leadership Weekend will take place simultaneously in Atlanta, Georgia; Branson, Missouri; Columbus, Ohio; Dallas, Texas; Los Angeles, California; Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Portland, Oregon, on Presidents' Day Weekend, Feb. 14-16, 2014.

This year's theme will be "Salt of the Earth: Christian Leadership by Example." During the weekend we will cover such topics as how example is the foundation of leadership, how to put God and the Church first in our busy lives, how to deal with lust while living amid a provocative culture, and what it means to be pure before God.

Keynote speakers for the weekend will be Jim Franks (COGWA president), Doug Horchak (Ministerial Services operation manager) and Clyde Kilough (Media operation manager). Their presentations will be streamed over the Internet to the other locations, so everyone will be able to benefit from each presentation. All seminars are designed to inspire and motivate our young adults in spiritual service. We hope you will register early and plan to join us for this special weekend!

Online registration is now open. For more information and to register, simply go to http://members.cogwa.org/yalw.

We trust that this will be an outstanding weekend of education and inspiration!

Presidents' Day Weekend

The 19th annual Midwest Presidents' Day Family Weekend in Branson will be the weekend of Feb. 14-17. Our theme for the weekend is "Be an example to the believers" taken from Paul's instruction to Timothy in 1 Timothy 4:12. Our guest speaker this year will be Mr. Clyde Kilough, Director of Media from the headquarters office. We will host a Young Adult Leadership Weekend alongside the Presidents' Weekend activity.

Join us at the Quality Inn, our base and site for the opening evening reception, all 7 seminars, and the game night on Sunday evening. Sabbath services and Saturday evening activities will be at the White House Theater, West Wing. Sunday afternoon activities will be only a few blocks from the Quality Inn.

Rooms cost just \$37 per night (flat rate plus tax) including breakfast for everyone in the room. Reservations can be made by calling the Quality Inn on the strip at 417-334-1194 . Identify yourself as part of the Church of God Presidents' Family Weekend. When the Quality Inn fills you will be directed to a sister hotel and will get the same rate and same breakfast.

Registration and meal order forms are available on the In-formation Center.

Foundation Outreach International

Foundation Outreach International and the Church would like to announce an opportunity for four young adults to serve in educational projects in early late July/early August in the African countries of Zambia and Zimbabwe! For each of these projects, we are looking for two young adults from the Church of God, a Worldwide Association, who are interested in serving brethren in these developing countries. Each project will be a total of 12 to 14 days in length. With both the Zambian and the Zimbabwean projects, volunteers will teach English to our brethren in the rural areas of those countries.

We recommend you visit the FOI website (accessible from the COGWA member website). However, if you are interested in either of these unique service projects, please pick up copies of both the **fact sheet** (which details requirements, dates and costs) and the **application**. The deadline for applying is **April 28**, **2014**, so get your application in soon!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Doug Horchak at doug.horchak@cogwa.org.