

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • March 8, 2014

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Friday Sunset: 6:21 p.m. (ET), 6:12 p.m. (R)

East Texas: 708 E Broadway, Gladewater – 2 p.m.

Song Leader – Mark Benton
Pianist – Bonnie Turner
Sermonette – John Flynn
Sermon – Ken Treybig

Ruston: Holiday Inn Express, Ruston – 1 p.m.

Song Leader – Chris Teague
Pianist – Vicky Morton
Sermonette – Johnny Callender
Sermon – Scott Hammer

General Announcements

Excused Absence Forms

If you need an excused absence form in regard to the spring feasts to use for work or school, please sign the list on the Information Table. Please sign one name per line and we'll prepare the forms and have them for you the next Sabbath.

Sabbath School

We will have Sabbath School this week. Please get a snack and come to the classroom after services.

Teen Bible Study

The teen Bible study will be **tonight** at the Gladewater Hall starting at 6:30 p.m.

Daylight Saving Time

It's time to "spring" forward again. Don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour tonight.

Basketball Practice

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

East Texas Service Time

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday. Therefore services in East Texas will move to 2:30 p.m. beginning next Sabbath, March 15.

Dallas Teen Formal

Come join us for this year's Dallas Teen Formal Dinner/Dance on Saturday evening, March 15. This year's theme will be "Candyland". Again, this year we'll honor the graduating seniors in our region. Details and registration specifics can be found at www.cogwadallas.org/teens. Early registration and multiple children discounts apply. You must register in order to attend this event. See you soon!

"Friday Night Live"

The next Friday night online Bible study for young adults will be Friday, March 21, at 7

p.m. Central Time. Mr. Mark Winner will be doing a study titled "Knock, Knock – Is Anyone Home?" To connect, go to <http://members.cogwa.org/fnl/>.

Men's Leadership Club

Our next meeting of Men's Leadership Club will be March 29, 45 minutes after services at the Gladewater hall.

Night to Be Much Observed Dinner

The Spring Holy Days are fast approaching, which means we need to begin planning for the dinner that will be held at our Gladewater Hall on the Night to Be Much Observed. We can seat 80 people comfortably. The menu offers prime rib or turkey; roasted potatoes or rice; as well as a green vegetable. Chef Lonnie Crist will be preparing the food and will be there to carve the meats for us. Those who are coming will need to bring one of the following: unleavened bread, a salad, or a dessert.

A signup sheet will be on the Information Table the next three Sabbath's in March. If you plan to come, please sign up and provide the following information: Your name and the number of people who will be in your party; your preference of entrees - prime rib or turkey; as

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well as your preference of side dishes - roasted potatoes or rice. You will also need to indicate whether you will bring a salad, unleavened bread, or a dessert). The cost will be \$12 per person; and checks should be made payable to COG-East Texas and mailed to Harriet Walding no later than March 24.

Fort Worth Dinner & Dance

The Fort Worth congregation is happy to announce the upcoming dinner and dance to be held the Saturday evening between the two spring holy days (April 19). This occasion will also mark the 50th anniversary of the Fort Worth church. You are cordially invited to share this special time with us.

The Dallas and Fort Worth congregations will combine for church services, and COGWA President Jim Franks will be our special guest speaker.

The Marriott Solana, located in Westlake just a few miles west of the DFW Airport, has a countryside setting and is the venue for all activities. The Marriott is offering a steeply discounted room rate for any who would like to arrive on Friday or stay Saturday night after the dance. **The cutoff date to receive the discounted rates is April 4.**

The meal includes your choice of steak, salmon or chicken; and the price includes salad, entrée, beverage, dessert, tax, gratuity and admission to the dance with live band. **The cutoff date for ordering your meal ticket is April 8.** No tickets will be sold at the door. A final meal count must be presented to the Marriott in advance.

Please see the form on the Information Table for all the details you will need. We look forward to sharing this special Sabbath and weekend with you.

Foundation Outreach International

Foundation Outreach International and the Church can accept 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.

FOI Jordan Project

Under the auspices of Foundation Outreach International (FOI) and by the invitation of Princess Sarvath El Hassan of Jordan, the Church of God, a Worldwide Association, is ex-

cited to announce that again we will be offering a volunteer program for young adults in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for the 2014-15 project year.

We are looking for qualified and ambitious individuals to apply for the program, which will run from August 2014 through June 2015. We are seeking four to five volunteers who have a heart for service and also for representing the Church and the incredible future embodied in the return of Jesus Christ.

Applications need to be submitted by Friday, March 7. You can find information on the project, volunteer requirements and a general application form on the FOI website. Also, you can contact Cory and Colene Erickson directly at 651-714-4054 or at ericksonce@comcast.net.

COGWA Feast site in Orbey, France, in 2014

The Festival site for France in 2014 will be located in Orbey, about 60 miles south of the city of Strasbourg. We will be returning to the same full-board, family vacation hotel that our members enjoyed during the Feast in 2012. The site is a short walk up the hill from the center of the rural village of Orbey.

This year we are blessed to have exclusive use of the site and are expecting up to 120 brethren in attendance from France, Belgium, Switzerland, the United States and other parts of the world. No matter where you are coming from, once you arrive at Orbey you will experience a warm welcome from the francophone brethren. There will be plenty of

time for relaxed fellowship around the dinner table (breakfast buffet, lunch and dinner will be served on-site daily) or while enjoying the environs of Orbey, Colmar and the Alsace wine country.

The site itself offers an indoor heated pool, exercise gym and easy access to enjoyable hiking routes through the French countryside. Rooms vary in size, and apartments with kitchenettes will be set aside for larger families.

Arrival and departure shuttle bus service will be available from and to the Strasbourg and Mulhouse airports. For those who would like to fly in and out of Paris and then travel by train to Alsace, a shuttle will be arranged from the Colmar train station.

During the Feast, excursions by bus will allow you to enjoy the nearby historic villages of Riquewihr, Kaysersberg and Ribeauvillé. We also plan to organize a tour of the impressive 12th-century château of Haut-Kœnigsbourg. Additional excursion offerings will be announced in future communications.

If you have questions or are considering spending the Feast in France this year, please let us know by emailing Daniel Harper

(danielharper1@gmail.com).

Official pricing, detailed site information, registration instructions and announcements will be communicated via email to those who show interest and through the COGWA Feast of Tabernacles website at feast.cogwa.org.

Please note that we have reserved the site in Orbey under a group contract, and they will not accept individual reservations. All information necessary for your registration and lodging will be collected through an online registration form to be announced in the coming months.