

# Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

## Announcements • May 24, 2014

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 8:16 p.m. (ET), 8:07 p.m. (R)

### **East Texas: 708 E Broadway, Gladewater – 2:30 p.m.**

Song Leader – John Flynn

Pianist – MP3s

Sermonette – Rod Gehrke

Sermon – Jim Franks

### **Ruston: Holiday Inn Express, Ruston – 2 p.m.**

Song Leader – Connor Kelley

Pianist – Johna Barnette

Sermonette – Chris Teague

Sermon – Ken Treybig

### **General Announcements**

#### **Feast Housing**

General housing began last Monday. If you are having trouble obtaining housing, please see your local Feast advisor, Mr. Eric Case in East Texas and Mr. Chris Teague in Ruston.

#### **Festival Assistance**

Each year many faithful brethren contribute extra funds from their festival tithe so that other needy members can receive the financial assistance they need to attend the Feast of Tabernacles. Last year these generous contributions enabled over 250 people to attend the Feast who would have been unable to attend otherwise. The Church recognizes its responsibility to see that those contribu-

tions are distributed fairly and equitably.

If you have no tithable income or if you have faithfully saved your festival tithe and will still not have sufficient funds to attend the Feast this year, we will be happy to help where we can. If you think you will need additional funds to be able to attend the Feast this fall, please contact our local Festival advisers Mr. Eric Case (East Texas), Mr. Christ Teague (Ruston), or your pastor to get a *Festival Assistance Member Information* form. Complete the form and return it as soon as possible. (All information on the form will be treated as confidential.)

Ministerial Services has asked us to have all assistance applications turned in by June 29, so please pick up the form and return it to your congregation's Festival adviser or your pastor as quickly as possible.

Again, Festival financial assistance is available for those who do not have a tithable income and for those who do not have adequate funds to attend the Feast even though they have faithfully saved their festival tithe.

#### **Graduation Reception**

#### **Elders – Here to serve you**

Ken Treybig, Pastor – (903) 844-9246

Frank McCrady – (903) 845-6882

Melton McNeely – (903) 769-3394

Leon Walker – (903) 636-4928

Scott Hammer – (903) 845-5189

Les McCullough – (903) 636-5585

John Trotter – (903) 636-4515

We will have a reception honoring this year's high school graduates next Sabbath, May 31. We are asking that everyone bring non-dessert snacks. Please remember to sign the cards for our graduates.

#### **Ruston Bible Study**

Ruston will meet at 12 noon on June 14 for a shorter service. That will be followed by a light potluck lunch and a Bible Study. Be sure to mark your calendar!

#### **Pentecost**

Pentecost is on Sunday, June 8, and we will have two services—10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. at our normal locations. East Texas will have a potluck lunch between services.

#### **Holy Day Offerings**

Everyone should have received their holy day offering envelopes. If you did not receive them, please contact headquarters in Allen. Please include your Donor Envelope Number below the date in the space provided as it greatly helps in processing. It can be found on your 2013 year-end receipt.

Checks should be made payable to COG-East Texas, as we will process the offering locally

before sending the funds to headquarters. Please do not include other items (tithes, notes, etc.) as that greatly complicates the local processing.

### **Potluck on Pentecost**

There will be a potluck meal between services on Pentecost. Please bring two of the following food items: meat dish, vegetable dish, salad, or unleavened dessert. Also, be sure to label your serving dishes. Thanks for your help!

### **Camp Registration**

Hey everyone, it's just about camp time! Registration opened two months ago, and this summer's deadline for many camps is May 31. You only have a few more weeks to register, and we're eager to see your online registration!

As a reminder (one which your confirmation email message will point out), registering online only *starts* the process. We still need you to mail the appropriate camp director(s) a current photo of yourself, the signed signatures and releases document (remember, parents must also sign for any camper or staff applicant who is a minor) and the check for any fees. These must be received by the camp director before he can finalize your acceptance at camp. We're eager to see lots of accepted campers and staff members, so browse on over to <http://camps.cogwa.org>, complete your online registration and mail back the needed documents!

By now, you should have seen the 2014 Camp Video in your local congregation. If you happened to miss it for some reason, you can find it at the camp website. Come join us at

camp for a great time with peers of like mind while we explore the topic of "The Narrow Path: Accept the Challenge."

### **Special Staff Needs**

We still need a few specialized staff members for a couple of our camps. The Sequoia (California) teen camp is in need of a nurse and possibly a certified lifeguard. If you have the necessary credentials and would like to help by giving of your time in a majestic setting in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, please register now! As well, the Chattahoochee preteen camp in Georgia is also in need of a certified lifeguard.

### **Camp Scholarship Assistance**

To enable as many campers as possible to attend this year, we are once again offering partial tuition scholarships to any who need the financial help. We can only provide assistance to those attending one camp—typically the closest one. If this would help you be able to attend this summer, please contact the camp director and ask him to send you the scholarship form.