

# Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

## Announcements • June 14, 2014

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 8:28 p.m. (ET), 8:18 p.m. (R)

**East Texas: 708 E Broadway,  
Gladewater – 2:30 p.m.**  
Song Leader – John Flynn  
Pianist – Ardith Weiss  
Split Sermon – Rod Gehrke  
Split Sermon – Gordon McCarty

**Ruston: Holiday Inn Express,  
Ruston – 12 noon**  
Song Leader – Johnny Callender  
Pianist – Kathy Treybig  
Split Sermon – Ken Treybig  
Bible Study – Ken Treybig

### General Announcements

#### Ruston Bible Study

Ruston will meet at 12 noon **today** for a shorter service. That will be followed by a light pot-luck lunch and a Bible Study.

#### Father's Day

We wish all our fathers a Happy Father's Day tomorrow, June 15.

#### Teen Garage Sale

The teens will be having a garage sale fundraiser and would appreciate any and all donations. Please contact Nanette Ditto to schedule a pick up or time to drop off any items at the church hall. The date of the sale has not been set yet. Funds raised will be used for teens to attend the Winter Family Weekend in Louisville.

#### "Friday Night Live"

The next "Friday Night Live" Bible study will be next Friday, June 20. Mr. Kilough will discuss the topic of "Unanswered Prayers". To connect, go to <http://members.cogwa.org/fnl/>.

#### 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 contributions 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. Chris 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.

#### 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

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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. You may include those funds with regular tithes and offerings if you wish – just be sure to indicate how much you wish to designate for this special purpose. The correct mailing address is:

COGWA

PO Box 731480

Dallas, TX 75373-1480

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.

### **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. These expenses include hall rent, office equipment, audio and video equipment, decorations, activities, etc. Since all of us benefit from these items, it is appropriate that we contribute

a portion of the festival tithe we have saved to meet those expenses. 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.

If you send a contribution to the Church mailing address in Dallas to help meet these Feast expenses, please label it “tithe of the tithe” so we will know your intent. You may include those funds with regular tithes and offerings if you wish – just clearly indicate how much you wish to designate for this purpose. The correct mailing address is:

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Again, thank you for your generosity in helping to make the Feast special for all of us.

### **Camps Begin**

With the start of June the camp season begins. This month two preteen camps will take place in just over a week (Sequoia and Bob White) and one teen camp, Camp Carter, will begin at the end of the month. Your prayers for God’s blessings and protection on each part of this very successful program are always appreciated!

### **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.