

# Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

## Announcements • August 23, 2014

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 7:58 p.m. (ET), 7:49 p.m. (R)

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

Song Leader – Mark Benton

Pianist – Ardith Weiss

Sermonette – In Accord

Sermon – Dave Myers

### **Ruston: Holiday Inn Express, Ruston – 12 noon**

Song Leader – John Ivey

Pianist – Johna Barnette

Split Sermon – Ken Treybig

Bible Study – Ken Treybig

### **General Announcements**

#### **Local Directory**

Due to the large number of edits and new pictures that were requested from the first draft of the new local directory, you will have a chance to review your entry. For this Sabbath **only** a final proof will be on the Information Table. Please make any needed edits on that copy.

#### **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.

#### **Fall Feast Excused Absence**

As we head into the beginning of the next school year, it is time to start preparing excused absence forms for school and work. Colleges generally want

the forms in the first few weeks of the semester.

If you will need an excused absence form, please sign the list on the Information Table (one name per line, please) and we'll generally have the form ready the next Sabbath.

#### **Feast Registration**

We really appreciate the cooperation of members in registering for the Feast—either by doing it online themselves or with the help of their local Feast advisers. Many have also notified us of changes to their registration, and we have processed over 300 changes this summer. Thank you! We've found this process to be a great help to our coordinators in planning for the Feast.

Remember the additional week of registration that started last Sunday will end this Sunday, Aug. 24, 11:59 p.m. If you have not yet registered for the Feast site you plan to attend, we ask that you please do so before Sunday at midnight.

#### **Midweek Bible Study**

We will have a midweek Bible Study and finger foods lunch Wednesday, September 3, at 11 a.m. at the Gladewater Hall.

#### **Elders – Here to serve you**

Ken Treybig, Pastor – (903) 844-9246

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#### **Men's Leadership Club**

As we reach the start of a new school year it is also time for us to start Men's Leadership Club meetings. Any of our male high school graduates and older are welcome and encouraged to participate.

While club does include speaking, what many people do not realize is that the benefits go far beyond public speaking. Simply do a search on benefits of Toastmasters and you will find a plethora of testimonials about the vast range of benefits including critical thinking, flexibility, listening skills, constructive feedback, time management skills, leadership skills for personal life as well as at work, positive and supportive environment building, relationship skills and others.

We plan to have about 10 meetings between now and the end of May 2015. If you would like to participate, please sign the list on the Information Table and watch for announcements about our first meeting toward the end of September.

#### **Deacon/Elder Meeting**

Our next Deacon/Elder meeting will be Tuesday, September 9, at the Gladewater Hall at 7 p.m.

## **Feast Youth Lessons**

Many of you have downloaded the Church's family-based children's Feast lessons and used them to teach your children the meaning of God's Feasts

(<http://feast.cogwa.org/cyi/>).

These lessons will be available again this year. As a supplement to these outstanding resources, some (but not all) of our U.S. Feast sites will be offering two classroom-style Feast lessons for elementary school-aged children during the Feast this year. There will be two classes for those in grades K through 2, and two classes for those in grades 3 through 5.

The classes will cover the two trees of the Garden of Eden and how the world will change during the Millennium when everyone will be able to eat of the tree of life. Look for the "Festival Youth Instruction" announcement on the COGWA Feast page of the site you will attend, to see if they will be offered there. We look forward to our children benefiting from this time with others their own age, learning lessons from God's Word.

## **Feast Children's Choir**

Parents of children aged 5 to 12 who are interested in participating in the Feast Children's Choir may begin downloading the music and lyrics for this year's selections. The website and password information were emailed earlier this week. If you are unable to download the music yourself, please see James Ellis in East Texas or Mr. Treymbig in Ruston.

Please remember we do ***not*** have permission to forward the

music or lyrics to friends or re-post them elsewhere.