

Church of God, a/wa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • September 13, 2014

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 7:31 p.m. (ET), 7:22 p.m. (R)

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

Song Leader – Wynn Worthen
Pianist – Ardith Weiss
Sermonette – Ed Weiss
Sermon – Joel Meeker

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

Song Leader – Chris Teague
Pianist – Vicky Morton
Sermonette – Johnny Callender
Sermon – John Trotter

General Announcements

Fall Feast Excused Absence

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.

Local Directories

If you were unable to pick up a copy of the local directory last week, please see Reese Brown in East Texas and Betty Brooks in Ruston. Please take only one directory per household.

Choir Practice

The choir will have a short rehearsal up by the piano shortly after services today to prepare for Special Music on the Feast of Trumpets.

Teen Orientation

All teens and their parents are asked to meet in the classroom 20 minutes after services for a short orientation to this year's events. Participation in our regional sports events is open to those in the 7th grade (or turning 13 during the activity year) through age 19 at September 1st of each year.

Volleyball Practices

Teen and adult coed volleyball practices will be tomorrow, Sunday, September 7. Practices will run from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Big Sandy Middle School gym.

“Friday Night Live”

The next “Friday Night Live” Bible study will be next Friday night, September 19. Mr. Doug Horchak will discuss the topic of “Marrying Within the Faith”. To connect, go to <http://members.cogwa.org/fnl/>.

Men's Leadership Club

The first meeting of this year's Men's Leadership Club will be next Saturday at the Gladewater hall about 45 minutes after services.. Any of our male high school graduates and older are welcome and encouraged to participate.

For this first meeting we will have topics and all returning

club members will give a 5-7 minute ice-breaker. Please sign the list on the Information Table today if you plan to join us!

Feast of Trumpets

We will have services at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on the Feast of Trumpets Thursday, September 25. East Texas will meet at the Gladewater Hall and will have a potluck meal between services for those who would like to participate. Ruston will meet at the Holiday Inn.

Holy Day Offerings

Holy day offering envelopes were mailed out several weeks ago with the new booklet. 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.

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

Atonement

Atonement falls on Saturday, October 4, this year so East Texas and Ruston will meet at their regular times and locations.

Feast Holy Day Offerings

We often receive questions from members regarding their holy days offerings while traveling outside the U.S. for the Feast. In order to obtain a tax deduction for your holy day offerings on your U.S. federal income tax return, you will need to do one of the following:

1. Give another family member or friend your offering so that it can be collected at a U.S. Feast site.

2. Mail your offering to the donation address in Dallas: COGWA, P.O. Box 731480, Dallas, TX 75373-1480.

3. Make your donation online at <http://cogwa.org/donate>.

However, we do believe that God expects us to bring an offering with us to the Feast (Deuteronomy 16:16), so we would also encourage you to give part of your offering in the area where you will be attending. As you consider what portion to give at the international Feast site you're visiting, please keep in mind that the headquarters office in Allen sends a regular subsidy to most international areas to fund the spreading of the gospel message, the work of the Church and the expenses of the Feast of Tabernacles. In addition, there are some international areas where no subsidy is received, but where we do have employees, primarily ministerial, who are paid directly from the office in Allen, Texas.

If you have any questions, please contact Britton Taylor via email at britton.taylor@cogwa.org.

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 mu-

sic yourself, please see James Ellis in East Texas or Mr. Treybig in Ruston.

Please remember we do ***not*** have permission to forward the music or lyrics to friends or repost them elsewhere.