

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

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 7:03 p.m. (ET), 6:54 p.m. (R)

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

Song Leader – Mark Benton

Pianist – Ardith Weiss

Sermonette – John Flynn

Sermon – John Trotter

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

Song Leader – Steve Barnette

Pianist – Johna Barnette

Sermonette – Chris Teague

Sermon – Ken Treybig

General Announcements

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.

Local Feast

Each year there are some who are unable to travel to one of the

designated Feast sites, but we are able to provide a meeting location for them here in our Gladewater hall and to connect them to services via webcast. Please remember them in your prayers, and if you are able, consider sending them a card or giving them a call. They would really appreciate knowing you are thinking of them! Copies of a list with their addresses are on the Information Table.

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

Elders – Here to serve you

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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.

Branson Feast Announcement

We will be decorating the stage with stuffed animals on the day the Childrens’ choir will be singing (Monday). If you would like to contribute a new stuffed toy or two to decorate the stage and then be given to the children after services please bring them to services with you and drop them off at Information booth early on during the Feast. Thanks in advance for your cooperation and support!

Service Project

We have an opportunity to help some elementary school children in the Big Sandy area. Many families of the students are struggling financially and are unable to send an afternoon snack for their children. Apples and snack cracker packages have been approved to be donated. If you are financially able and would like to help, we will collect those items on the third Sabbath of each month,

beginning on October 18. Just drop the items in the collection box in the kitchen on those days.

Volleyball Practices

The next volleyball practice will be after the Feast on Sunday, October 26, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Big Sandy Middle School gym.

Men’s Leadership Club

The next Men’s Leadership Club meeting will be November 8 at the Gladewater hall about 45 minutes after services.