

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • January 17, 2015

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 5:37 p.m. (ET), 5:28 p.m. (R)

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

Song Leader – Wynn Worthen

Pianist – Ardith Weiss

Sermonette – Ed Weiss

Sermon – Scott Hammer

Ruston: Holiday Inn Express, Ruston – 12 noon

Song Leader – Steve Barnette

Pianist – Johna Barnette

Sermonette – Rod Gehrke

Sermon – Ken Treybig

General Announcements

Ruston Service Time

Ruston will meet at 12 noon today.

Choir Practice

We will have choir practice immediately after services today in preparation for the regional basketball weekend. Please pick up music from Ed Weiss either before or after services.

Teen Bible Study

There will be a teen Bible study and meal **today**. Please go to the classroom immediately after services for the meal. We will then move to the auditorium for the study and discussion.

Men's Leadership Club

The next Men's Leadership Club meeting is **tonight** at the

Gladewater hall about 45 minutes after services.

Service Project

If you brought apples and snack cracker packages for the Big Sandy school food drive, please drop the items in the collection box in the kitchen.

Phone Hookup for Services

As a reminder for anyone that needs to connect to services via phone, dial (712) 432-0075 about five minutes before services begin and enter the participant access code of 867195. The system will connect you and mute your phone so no one hears anything from anyone else's phone—only the sound from the church sound system.

Amazon Smile

The world's largest online store, Amazon.com, offers a special promotion in which it will donate 0.5 percent (one half of 1 percent) of each eligible purchase to a designated charity. The Church of God, a Worldwide Association, is now registered as one of those charities, which means that from all of the eligible purchases members make through the smile.amazon.com program, Amazon will donate 0.5 percent of the price to the Church.

Our first quarterly donation from Amazon just came in. It was small—a little over \$200. But considering that only a small number of members are currently participating, we easily see how that number could quickly rise! This is a free income source for the Church, so if you shop online through Amazon.com, why not take advantage of this simple way to lend extra support?

Please find additional information and help on how to sign up on the Information Table. Thanks for your interest and help in this simple but valuable way!

Basketball Practice

Basketball practice will be tomorrow, Sunday, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Big Sandy Middle School gym.

Event Pictures

Our congregational reporter, Nancy Diraison, is asking for assistance with picture-taking at those church activities that she is unable to attend. Without pictures, write-ups of our socials and other events to *One Accord* have been lagging.

For pictures to be useable for the publication, they must meet a certain image standard, besides being properly focused and composed. Liz Glasgow,

Elders – Here to serve you

Ken Treybig, Pastor – (903) 844-9246

Les McCullough – (903) 636-5585

John Trotter – (903) 636-4515

Scott Hammer – (903) 845-5189

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the Managing Editor of One Accord, provided some information to help us understand:

Most mobile phone photos are compressed images that are too low-quality and grainy to be of any use. The default setting on most cameras is compressed, so if photographers wish to provide suitable pictures, they need to know how to check and adjust their size image setting to the highest quality/largest file size possible. This takes up more memory, but is needed for the higher quality printed in One Accord than what is normally posted online.

Non-compressed photos taken by iPhones *are* acceptable.

If you are interested in assisting with this back-up service and need more details, please contact Nancy Diraison directly. She would greatly appreciate an assistant in this department!

Sabbath School

The next Sabbath School will be January 31 after services.

ETX Basketball Weekend

The first basketball weekend will take place next weekend, January 24-25, here in East Texas. We will be having a larger crowd than normal that Sabbath, so we will be having services at the Gladewater Middle School auditorium, 700 West Melba Ave. at our normal time of 2 p.m.

We need housing for a few families, so if you can help that way, please see Rochelle Boyce. If you can help with parking that Sabbath, please see Terry Shipman.

Snacks

We will have more guests next weekend during the basketball weekend in East Texas. We are asking that everyone bring snacks to accommodate the larger crowd.

FOI Projects Announced

Foundation Outreach International and the Church would like to announce an opportunity for up to 10 young adults to serve in four different educational projects in late July/early August 2015 in the African countries of Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi and Ghana. Details were sent out via email from our pastor and are also available on the Information Table.

Boot Scoot

Howdy, Boot Scooters! Please join us on Saturday, January 31st for a night of fun, food, and dancing at the 2015 Boot Scoot and Barbecue benefiting the COGWA Youth Camp Activity and Scholarship fund. The event will be held at Grapevine Convention Center. Online registration is now open at <http://bootscoot.org>.

You **MUST** register in advance to attend as we need a firm head count before the event for planning purposes. **We will not accept payments at the door.**

Prices for dinner are:

\$25 - ages 12 and over

\$12 - ages 3-10

\$5 - for 3 and under

Tickets purchased after January 16 will be marked up \$10 each for all ages. The absolute deadline to purchase a ticket will be January 23.

If you would like to serve at the event or donate an auction item, please contact:

Kelli Hogg

kellihogg@gmail.com

214-728-2733

or Brenda Hogg at

brenda.hogg@gmail

214-202-8936

Note, all auction items must be received by Kelli or Brenda by Friday, January 23. Any items received after that date will be saved for the 2016 event.

If you are paying dinner tickets by check, please make checks payable to COGWA-ET and mail to Brenda Hogg, 420 Pine Road, Big Sandy, TX, 75755. (You must still register if you pay by check.) We look forward to seeing you and enjoying another evening of fellowship and fun while raising money for the youth of our church!

Boot Scoot Baked Goods

Boot Scoot will again raise funds for our COGWA Youth Camps this year and needs our support. We know some are unable to travel to Fort Worth to support the event. However, if you like to bake and would like to help, we are in need of baked goods to sell at the event! Please wrap and price all items. The Treysigs are going over after services on January 31, so you can bring the items to services that day.

Young Adult Weekend

The Church of God, a Worldwide Association, is pleased to announce its third Young Adult Leadership Weekend, to take place simultaneously in Atlanta, Georgia; Branson,

Missouri; Columbus, Ohio; Fort Worth, Texas; Los Angeles, California; Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota; and Portland, Oregon, on Presidents' Day Weekend, Feb. 13-15, 2015.

The Church considers it essential to invest in the leadership development of our young adults to better enable them to use their talents and abilities in the work of God. Through these Leadership Weekends, the Church wishes to educate, motivate and inspire its young adults to further fulfill leadership roles within the Church and the work by providing focused education, as well as social opportunities to interact with peers.

This year's theme will be "Living Stones: Your Part in Strengthening God's House." During the weekend we will cover such topics as "The History of the Modern Church: Where Are We Today?" "Holding Fast: Maintaining Our Commitment to God," "Let No Man Despise Your Youth" (a small group interactive discussion of 1 Timothy 4:12), "The Importance of Unity: Working Together in Harmony," "When Leaders Lead: Serving in Your Local Congregation," "What Does It Mean to be a 'Living Stone'?" and FOI Project Brainstorming Session (a small group interactive discussion).

Keynote speakers for the weekend will be Jim Franks (COGWA president), Doug Horchak (Ministerial Services operation manager) and Clyde Kilough (Media operation manager). Some presentations will be streamed live over the Internet to the other locations, so everyone will be able to benefit

from each presentation. All seminars are designed to inspire and motivate our young adults in spiritual service. We hope you will register early and plan to join us for this special weekend!

Online registration is now open. For more information and to register, simply go to <http://members.cogwa.org/yalw>.

We trust that this will be an outstanding weekend of education and inspiration!

Presidents' Day Weekend

The Presidents' Day Family Weekend in Branson will be held February 13-16. This year once again the weekend will be held jointly with our Young Adult Leadership Weekend. There will be Sabbath services, seminars and lots of fun activities.

The event will be headquartered at the Quality Inn on The Strip, with additional housing at the La Quinta Inn and the Days Inn.

Make your plans to join us for inspiring, fun filled mid-winter "pick-me-up" in Branson at the 20th annual Presidents' Day Family Weekend. For more information, please see the Information Table.

Variety Show

Plans are underway for our Variety Show coming up Saturday night, February 28. We hope everyone will take part in sharing their talents, whether that is to sing a song, dance, read a story, do a skit or play an instrument. Please direct any questions to Aubrey Jenison and be sure to let her know if you plan to do something.