

# Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

## Announcements • March 21, 2015

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 7:30 p.m. (ET), 7:21 p.m. (R)

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

Song Leader – Ed Weiss  
Pianist – Kathy Treybig  
Split Sermon – John Trotter  
Bible Study – Ken Treybig

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

Song Leader – Chris Teague  
Pianist – Vicky Morton  
Sermonette – Johnny Callender  
Sermon – Scott Hammer

### General Announcements

#### Local Announcements

If you have something to be included with our weekly announcements, please send it to [cgwaet.announce@gmail.com](mailto:cgwaet.announce@gmail.com) by noon on Thursday.

#### Excused Absence Forms

If you need an excused absence form in regard to the spring feasts to use for work or school, please sign the list on the Information Table. Please sign one name per line and we'll prepare the forms and have them for you the next Sabbath.

#### Choir Practice

We will have choir practice immediately after services today in preparation for Special Music on the last holy day.

#### Service Project

If you would like to donate apples and snack cracker packages to our Big Sandy school food drive, please drop the items in the collection box in the kitchen today.

#### Men's Leadership Club

Men's Leadership Club will meet **today** at the Gladewater hall about 45 minutes after services.

#### Variety Show DVD

We have DVD copies of the Variety Show available today and are happy to make more if needed. However, to comply with copyright laws we must not post any of the contents on the Internet. See James Ellis at the Media Library if you would like a copy.

#### Sabbath School

The next Sabbath School meeting will be next Sabbath, March 28.

#### Teen Bible Study & Potluck

There will be a teen Bible study and potluck next Sabbath, March 28, after Sabbath School in the classroom.

#### Camp Website Updated

We are happy to say that the online application system is now active for all COGWA

Youth Camps, and the website has been updated to reflect this year's camp season. We made some more changes that we hope will be helpful to everyone. Just to name a few: We've added short introductory videos (narrated by the directors) about each camp location. We've modified the online questions asked and added an online digital photo upload system. And our CYC Honor Code, along with the Mission Statement, is now available on the bottom of the main page.

This year's theme, "The Pearl of Great Price: Find It and Keep It," should be a valuable one to help fulfill our mission of helping youth recognize and reach their God-given potential by living God's way of life. Apply now at [camps.cogwa.org](http://camps.cogwa.org)!

#### Passover

In addition to your Bible, everyone is asked to bring a foot basin and towel for the foot washing at Passover services on Thursday, April 2, at 7:45 p.m. (Note we have changed the time slightly from last week's announcement due to realizing sundown is before 7:45.) Ruston will meet at the Community Bank in Ruston. East Texas will meet at the Gladewater Hall.

#### 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

Melton McNeely – (903) 769-3394

Leon Walker – (903) 636-4928

### **Passover Assistance**

Anyone needing assistance with footwashing at Passover, please sign the list on the Information Table or contact Nancy Worthen, 903-646-4773 or granaryst@juno.com.

### **Night to be Observed Meal**

The Night to be Observed is Friday evening, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Once again, we are able to fellowship together and have a catered meal here in the Church building, for those who are interested in this option. The food will be catered by Traditions Restaurant of Tyler with a choice of either beef tips with rice or chicken marsala. The rest of the meal includes roasted new potatoes, a tossed salad and green beans plus drinks. Dishes, glasses and tableware will be included. All of this is for only \$15.00 per person. We will need to bring our own unleavened bread and/or dessert. A sign-up list is on the Information Table. Please make your check payable to COG-East Texas and mail to Ed Weiss at P.O. Box 633, Big Sandy 75755.

### **Unleavened Bread Services**

The First Day of Unleavened Bread is on Saturday, April 4. We'll have one service in the afternoon at our normal locations starting at the 1 p.m. in Ruston and 2:30 p.m. in East Texas.

The Last DUB is on Friday, April 10, and we will have two services—10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. at our normal locations. East Texas will have a potluck lunch between services.

### **FOI African Project**

Congratulations to Hannah Shipman who was selected to serve on the FOI summer projects! She is not yet sure which project she will be assigned to serve on, Ghana, Malawi, Zambia or Zimbabwe, but it promises to be a fantastic opportunity for serving and learning!

### **Jordan Project**

Under the auspices of Foundation Outreach International (FOI) and by the invitation of Princess Sarvath El Hassan of Jordan, the Church of God, a Worldwide Association, is excited to announce that we will be again offering a volunteer program for young adults in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for the 2015-16 project year.

We are looking for qualified and ambitious individuals to apply for the program, which will run from August 2015 through June 2016. We are seeking two to four volunteers who have a heart for service and also for representing the Church and the incredible future embodied in the return of Jesus Christ. Beginning with this project year and moving forward, the Jordan Project will now include a new and exciting leadership training component.

**Applications need to be submitted by Wednesday, April 15.** You can find INFORMATION SHEETS on the project either on your congregation's Information Table or by asking your pastor. You can also find information on the project, volunteer requirements and a general application on the FOI website ([foundationoutreachintl.org/](http://foundationoutreachintl.org/)).

We also ask that ANYONE who is seriously considering this project contact Cory and Colene Erickson as SOON as possible. You can reach them by phone at 651-714-4054 or by email at [ericksoncc@comcast.net](mailto:ericksoncc@comcast.net).

### **Foundation Institute**

Is Foundation Institute, Center for Biblical Education, for you? What's it like to study one year of Bible at the headquarters of the Church of God, a Worldwide Association? We asked some of this year's students to comment.

One current student says, "I've never been so happy to be outside of my 'comfort zone.' This has been the best opportunity not only to strengthen my beliefs and draw close to God, but also to build character and come out of my shell. Especially if you are shy and afraid to try new things, you should give FI a try. It's a wonderful and safe environment in which to grow."

Here are the words of another student: "Coming to FI, I knew I didn't know much biblically, and it was nerve-wracking not knowing who all was going this year; but after going through most of the FI program I have learned more than I could ever imagine and in a short time made lasting friendships. This program and the people involved have changed my life forever and have given me a strong foundation to apply what I've learned ... in my daily life and hopefully in the Kingdom."

Another student writes: "I was unaware of how much I didn't know before coming to FI, even having grown up in the Church.

The program has helped me to begin immediately to fill the gaps in my knowledge and understanding that I didn't even know were there."

And finally: "Ever had a Bible question you just can't get resolved? Ever wanted to know the background behind what is said in the Bible? Ever wanted to learn how to study with positive results? The atmosphere is warm, and the people are great, regardless of the age differences. Come and experience the Bible all day long."

Foundation Institute is now accepting and processing applications for the 2015-2016 academic year. Applications are due by May 31 and may be downloaded at [foundationinstitute.org](http://foundationinstitute.org). The website also answers frequently asked questions about the cost of the program, housing and admission requirements. We invite you to consider a year of study here in Allen, Texas. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.