

# Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

## Announcements • April 4, 2015

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Friday Sunset: 7:40 p.m. (ET), 7:31 p.m. (R)

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

Song Leader – Mark Benton

Pianist – Ardith Weiss

Sermonette – John Flynn

Sermon – Scott Hammer

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

Song Leader – Steve Barnette

Pianist – Johna Barnette

Sermonette – Johnny Callender

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 2014 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.

#### **Choir Practice**

We will have choir practice immediately after services today

in preparation for Special Music on the last holy day.

#### **Last Day of UB Services**

The Last DUB is 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.

#### **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.

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

The next Men's Club will be April 18 at the Gladewater hall about 45 minutes after services.

#### **Sabbath School**

Sabbath School will meet again on April 25.

#### **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).

#### **Elders – Here to serve you**

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## **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 World-wide 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-racking 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.