

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • April 18, 2015

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Friday Sunset: 7:50 p.m. (ET), 7:41 p.m. (R)

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

Song Leader – Mark Benton
Pianist – Ardith Weiss
Sermonette – Camp Video
Sermon – David Evans

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

Song Leader – John Ivey
Pianist – MP3s
Sermonette – Camp Video
Sermon – David Johnson

General Announcements

Men's Leadership Club

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

Sabbath School

Sabbath School will meet next Sabbath, April 25, after services.

Service Project

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

2015 Feast Registration

This is the weekend for Festival Registration!

To follow up on the Feast registration announcement we made last week, we want to remind everyone that this year's registration process is different

from what you have been accustomed to in the past.

We are implementing a new database system that will make registration much easier for you and more accurate for our Feast administration. However, the efficiency of this new system is dependent on our having the most accurate and up-to-date information possible, and that is why *we need your careful attention for the following.*

This year, Feast registration is a two-step process.

1) Preregistration to verify contact information:

We need every individual in the U.S. who is 18 or over, as well as any high school graduates who are under the age of 18, to *first* "preregister" in order to verify his or her email address. (Only do this one time.)

Important: **Each person** should verify his or her email address, even if two or more of you use the same email address and even if you are planning to attend the Feast overseas.

Preregistration is quick and easy, but very important. You should have received by now an email with the link. It's <http://feast.cogwa.org/preregister>.

If not, please see our Feast advisor (Mr. Flynn in East Texas this Sabbath) and he will provide it for you. It will take only a few seconds to complete a

short form that asks for your name, email address, birth date and the name of the congregation you attend. *Please do not put more than one person's name in each form and please double-check to make sure that all information is accurate!*

You will receive a thank you note and instructions on or before April 19 on how to register for the Feast. Please note that the personalized link you are sent will not work until tomorrow, April 19, and that registration will include every site for COGWA, including all international sites.

For those of you who do not have Internet access or an email address, please contact your local Festival adviser, Mr. Eric Case (East Texas) or Mr. Chris Teague (Ruston), to let him know where you wish to attend and how many in your household will be attending. The Festival adviser will take that information and register for you.

2) The second step is the actual Feast registration tomorrow, April 19 (any time):

When you register, you will be asked to list your first and second choices of Feast sites. We really believe that everyone will likely get their **FIRST CHOICE**, considering all the new sites we have this year.

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

If you were turned down for Orange Beach last year please be assured that we have you and the number in your household on a list and will make sure you are able to attend there this year, provided you register for Orange Beach. We will then accept households in the order in which they registered up to the maximum number. Everyone will be notified which site he or she was accepted for as soon as possible.

Dallas Invitational Golf Scramble Tournament

Come join us for a 4-man scramble tournament at Plantation Golf Club (4701 Plantation Ln, Frisco, TX) on Sunday, May 3. You may assemble your own foursome or ask to be placed on a team. The cost of \$50 per person includes green fee with cart, range token, one drink token, and prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive, and top team scores. Tee times begin at 2 p.m., so be sure to arrive by 1:30 p.m. Make checks payable to "COGWA-Dallas" and send to Andy Burnett, 203 Applewood Ct., McKinney, TX 75071. Please e-mail your team information to andy.burnett@cogwa.org.

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-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. 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.