

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • May 9, 2015

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 8:05 p.m. (ET), 7:56 p.m. (R)

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

Song Leader – Mark Benton
Pianist – Ardith Weiss
Sermonette – Ed Weiss
Sermon – David Johnson

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

Song Leader – Steve Barnette
Pianist – Johna Barnette
Sermonette – In Accord
Sermon – Ken Treybig

General Announcements

Feast Housing

Early housing opened last Wednesday to those who qualify, and it will continue until regular housing begins. Members who qualify to make early reservations include:

1. Those who need handicapped rooms.
2. Those with very limited finances who need to be assured of procuring one of the lower-priced rooms.
3. Those who, due to dietary requirements, must have a kitchenette.
4. Those who have a large immediate family (six or more).

If you fit into one of these categories, and need any assistance in finding satisfactory housing, our Feast adviser will be happy to assist you.

Regular Feast housing will open on Tuesday, May 19, at 10

a.m. in the time zone of the Feast site.

Mothers' Day

We wish all the mothers among us a happy Mothers' Day this Sunday.

"Friday Night Live"

The next "Friday Night Live" Bible study is next Friday night, May 15. Mr. Dave Myers will present "The Bible is Not Just Another Book" To connect, go to <http://members.cogwa.org/fnl/>.

Service Project

If you would like to donate apples and snack cracker packages to our Big Sandy school food drive, the next time to donate will be next Sabbath, May 16. Just drop the items in the collection box in the kitchen.

Pentecost

Pentecost is on Sunday, May 24, 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.

Holy Day Offerings

Everyone should have received their holy day offering envelopes. 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.

Potluck on Pentecost

There will be a potluck meal between services on Pentecost. Please bring two of the following food items: meat dish, vegetable dish, salad, or unleavened dessert. Also, be sure to label your serving dishes. Thanks for your help!

Graduation Reception

We will have a reception honoring this year's high school graduates on May 30. We are asking that everyone bring non-dessert snacks. Please remember to sign the cards for our graduates.

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-

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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-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 differ-

ences. 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.

African Fundraiser

The African fundraiser garage sale is scheduled for June 11-12. Donations **MUST** be delivered to the Gladewater hall between 8 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. until June 5 only.

Contact Rochelle Boyce, 903-636-5656, to make deliveries from now thru May 22. For deliveries from May 25 thru June 5, please contact Charlene McCrady at 903-806-6543.