

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • June 13, 2015

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Friday Sunset: 8:27 p.m. (ET), 8:18 p.m. (R)

**East Texas: 708 E Broadway,
Gladewater – 2:30 p.m.**
Song Leader – Mark Benton
Pianist – Ardith Weiss
Sermonette – Rod Gehrke
Sermon – Joel Meeker

**Ruston: Holiday Inn Express,
Ruston – 1 p.m.**
Song Leader – Steve Barnette
Pianist – Johna Barnette
Split Sermon – Gordon McCarty
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General Announcements

African Fundraiser

Our garage sale fundraiser got off to a great start on Thursday. Many thanks to everyone who donated items, helped price and arrange, those who shopped and for your prayers for its success. We should be able to announce the results this Sabbath.

New Video Sermons Available

Two more video sermon DVDs are available in the Media Library, “What is a Christian?” by Mr. Jon Pinelli and “The Story of the Firstfruits” by Mr. Michael Hanisko. These are sermons from Pentecost last year and were made available for pastors who needed them. They will not be posted on the Member website since they are already on local sites, but they are available in our Media Library.

Baptism

Saturday night, May 30, A.J. Zepeda was baptized. We are happy to welcome him to our spiritual family!

Work Party

Thanks to everyone who helped last Sunday at the Disman’s. We had a good turnout and got a lot accomplished!

“Friday Night Live”

The next “Friday Night Live” Bible study is next Friday night, June 19. Mr. Andy Burnett will present “The Whys, Whens, and Hows of Peacemaking”. To connect, go to <http://members.cogwa.org/fnl/>.

Klepfer Reception

There will be a reception to honor Mr. & Mrs. Dean Klepfer on June 27 for their 60th wedding anniversary. Plan to join us in celebrating this special occasion. Please bring a non-dessert snack to contribute to refreshments.

Camp Lone Star

Our first camp of the summer is Lone Star preteen camp. Staff training is Saturday night and campers arrive on Sunday. Your prayers for God’s protection and blessing would be appreciated.

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

Serving at the Feast

Thank you very much for your cooperation and patience in this year’s Feast registration process for those living in the United States. Now that we have updated our records and verified everyone’s email address, we can offer you a much simpler way to volunteer to serve at the Feast.

Each site depends heavily on volunteer service from so many of you to help make the Feast run smoothly, to help those who have special needs and to make the Feast so much more enjoyable for everyone. Regardless of the size of the site you’re attending, many volunteers are needed; and we hope you will serve as you are able. So, here’s how you can volunteer:

You will find a new navigation button that says “Serve at the Feast” on the top of the Feast website (<http://feast.cogwa.org>). Click that button to start the process.

From the page that opens, pick the site you’ve registered to attend to see the instructions and click on the “Sign Up” button for that site.

When you click “Sign Up,” a new box will open that will ask for your name, email address (preferably the same one you used to register), the areas in which you wish to serve, and any special notes that are needed. It’s that easy.

A few notes:

- This information will be added to each person's individual record in our database, **so each individual needs to submit a separate form.**)
- Local Festival advisers will need to sign up anyone without Internet access or an email address.
- If you live in the United States and, for some reason, **have not yet registered** for the Feast, please go to <http://feast.cogwa.org/registration/> to **first register** for the Feast.

If you have questions about the registration or volunteer process, just send an email message to registration@cogwa.org, and we will be happy to help you.

Festival Assistance

Each year many faithful brethren contribute extra funds from their Festival tithe so that other needy members can receive the financial assistance they need to attend the Feast of Tabernacles. Last year these generous contributions enabled over 250 people to attend the Feast who would have been unable to attend otherwise. The Church recognizes its responsibility to see that those contributions are distributed fairly and equitably.

If you have no tithable income or if you have faithfully saved your Festival tithe and will still not have sufficient funds to attend the Feast this year, we will be happy to help where we can. If you think you will need additional funds to be able to attend the Feast this fall, please contact your local Festival adviser, Mr. Eric Case (East Texas) or Mr. Chris Teague (Ruston) or your pastor to get a *Festival Assistance Member Information*

form. Complete the form and return it as soon as possible. (All information on the form will be treated as confidential.)

Ministerial Services has asked us to have all assistance applications turned in by June 22, so please pick up the form and return it to your congregation's Festival adviser or your pastor as quickly as possible.

Excess Festival Tithe

Many of us have experienced a variety of ways in which God has fulfilled His promises to bless those who faithfully tithe. Though some faithful members have little or no tithable income, the generosity of their spiritual brothers and sisters has enabled hundreds to share in the blessings of the Feast of Tabernacles each year. Once again this year we will be able to provide financial assistance to those brethren who would be unable to attend the Feast without help.

Government regulations permit charitable organizations to provide a modest amount of financial aid to those in need so they can share in this kind of religious activity. Therefore, the Church has established policies and procedures that allow us to legally, fairly, and equitably provide this special benefit to members who qualify.

If you would like to share your blessings and contribute some of your extra festival tithe to help your brethren attend the Feast, please begin sending in those funds to the Church mailing address in Dallas. You may include those funds with regular tithes and offerings if you wish – just be sure to indicate how much you wish to designate for

this special purpose. The correct mailing address is:

COGWA
PO Box 731480
Dallas, TX 75373-1480

Those who send funds electronically through the members' website can also contribute excess festival funds by selecting "Festival Fund" from the drop-down menu on the donation page.

Thank you in advance from the many who will be able to enjoy the Feast of Tabernacles this year as a result of your generosity in sharing the blessings God has given you.

Tithe of the Tithe

Years ago the Church of God established a tradition of asking members to contribute a tenth of their festival tithe – known as a "tithe of the tithe" – to the Church to cover the many expenses incurred in providing so much of what we enjoy at the Feast. These expenses include hall rent, office equipment, audio and video equipment, decorations, activities, etc. Since all of us benefit from these items, it is appropriate that we contribute a portion of the festival tithe we have saved to meet those expenses. If you are unable to contribute a full tenth of your festival tithe but would still like to help out, all such contributions are still appreciated.

If you send a contribution to the Church mailing address in Dallas to help meet these Feast expenses, please label it "tithe of the tithe" so we will know your intent. You may include those funds with regular tithes and offerings if you wish – just clearly indicate how much you

wish to designate for this purpose. The correct mailing address is:

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Again, thank you for your generosity in helping to make the Feast special for all of us.