

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • December 19, 2015

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 5:16 p.m. (ET), 5:07 p.m. (R)

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

Song Leader – Wynn Worthen
Pianist – Ardith Weiss
Sermonette – John Flynn
Sermon – Ken Treybig

Ruston: Holiday Inn Express, Ruston – 12 noon

Song Leader – John Ivey
Pianist – Vicky Morton
Sermonette – Johnny Callender
Sermon – Larry Salyer

General Announcements

Sabbath School

Sabbath School will meet **today** after services. Please get a snack and bring your Bibles to the classroom.

Men's Club

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

Work Party

We made a LOT of progress at the last work party at The Challenge and plan another tomorrow, Sunday, from noon to 5 p.m. We have a number of items to do, such as replace lights in the auditorium, remove the 'twinkle lights' (we have scaffolding set up and ask that children not play on it), weed eat around the building and parking lot, clean the green chairs and move them to the storage room, build a wood

ramp to the storage room, move more items to our warehouse (including the lockers in the Men's and Women's restrooms) as well as vacuum and clean. Any assistance you can give us would be appreciated!

Louisville Weekend Webcast

East Texas and Ruston will hook up to the webcast during Winter Family Weekend on Dec. 26. **Services will be moved to 1:30 p.m. for that day.** We ask that everyone be in their seats 10 minutes early to allow the sound crew to work on the connection.

Winter Family Weekend

This year's Winter Family Weekend in Louisville is next week. The schedule of activities (attached) is now online at <http://members.cogwa.org/wfw>. One of the new activities planned this year is a children's clothing swap for all families with children. You will find an advertisement about this specific activity on the website. Of course many sports activities are planned, as well as encouraging and informative seminars, a family fun fair, live music, karaoke, dances, movies, Sabbath school classes, singles' activities and a free pizza dinner. If you haven't already made plans to join in the fun,

please do so. Go online today to 1) book your housing <http://resweb.passkey.com/go/2015WFW> and 2) register to let us know you are coming and sign up for sports, seminars, Singles in the Middle and various other events.

WFW Adult Dance Theme

This year's adult dance theme at the Winter Family Weekend in Louisville was "Clown College." It was intended to be a lighthearted, fun evening with the best costume winning a free night. Sadly, Hollywood and others have distorted people's views of what clowns are and what their role is. The Barnum & Bailey Circus Clown College was considered a very prestigious degree to obtain, as it led many people into entertaining and funny roles either with the circus or within other entertainment fields. This was certainly the thought process behind the selection of that theme. However, today's entertainment field has often "morphed" clown characters into being something far from what Barnum & Bailey originally intended and certainly far from what we stand for or would agree with. So, we feel it is the better part of wisdom not to have this theme for the dance.

Elders – Here to serve you

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Les McCullough – (903) 636-5585

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Scott Hammer – (903) 845-5189

Melton McNeely – (903) 769-3394

Leon Walker – (903) 636-4928

We encourage all to come dressed in nice casual. We will have a drawing during the evening for the free hotel night.

WFW Volunteers Needed

We are still in need of some volunteers (particularly young men) to sing with a choir at the Winter Family Weekend. Please contact Eric Evans (eric.evans@cogwa.org) for details.

WFW Kids' Clothing Swap

Would you love a great deal on kids' clothing? How about FREE? Do you have any gently used children's items at home that you'd like to donate and trade for new-to-you apparel? You do? Then this event is for you! Please join us in our first WFW Children's Clothing Swap! Just bring your gently used, prewashed clothing (please no holes, stains or defects) to the WFW and be ready to trade on Thursday evening! This event will begin at 6:30 p.m., so please drop all items off between 5:30 and 6 in the Carroll-Ford Room at the Galt House. There will be gender and size signs on the tables. All you have to do is drop your prefolded items off in the right section—it's that easy! All remaining items will be donated to a local charity. Thank you and see you there!

Teen Bible Study

There will be a teen Bible study immediately after services, Jan. 9, in the classroom. Remember we are starting through the booklet on the Ten Commandments in this next study.

Progressive Dinner

Our next East Texas congregational social will be a progressive dinner in the Gladewater area on Saturday night, Jan. 16. Please sign the lists on the Information if you would like to participate. Please note there is one list to sign if you live in the Gladewater area and can host a group and another to sign if you simply want to attend the dinner.

Garage Sale

Do you have things you want to get rid of? We are planning a garage sale for early February (assuming we will close on the building in January) where we will sell excess items from The Challenge. The proceeds will go to a restricted fund for the building. Any items you'd like to donate can be stored in the warehouse behind our current hall. Contact Rochelle Boyce or Kathy Treybig to arrange a time to deliver them.

Local Activity Fund

Thanks to your generosity we have been able to pay for gym rentals, social events and food items from our local activity fund, which is based on donations given locally above tithes and offerings. Headquarters has asked that we function this way to ensure that tithes and offerings are used to preach the gospel and pay expenses necessary for the basic functioning of each local congregation around the world. If you are able to make a small local donation to help with our socials and other local expenses outside the realm of items covered by our monthly subsidy from headquarters, we would deeply appreciate it.

Please be sure to mark any such donations as "Local Activity Fund" and send them to Mr. Melton McNeely at PO Box 950, Hawkins, 75765.