

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • January 9, 2016

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 5:30 p.m. (ET), 5:20 p.m. (R)

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

Song Leader – Ed Weiss
Pianist – Ardith Weiss
Sermonette – Rod Gehrke
Sermon – Scott Hammer

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

Song Leader – Johnny Callender
Pianist – Vicky Morton
Sermonette – In Accord
Sermon – Ken Treybig

General Announcements

Teen Bible Study

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

Basketball Practice

Our first adult and teen basketball practice will be tomorrow, Sunday, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Big Sandy Middle School gym. All those interested in playing are welcome to come.

“Friday Night Live”

Mr. Dave Myers will present the next “Friday Night Live” Bible study next Friday night, Jan. 15 titled “Teach Your Children Well... Well, What?” Go to <http://members.cogwa.org/fnl/> to connect.

Work Party

We will have another work party at The Challenge tomorrow starting at noon. We have accomplished much of what we can do before we close on the property but still have a few things we can do such as the following:

- Move a few final items to our warehouse area for the garage sale
- Finish removing the wallpaper border at the ceiling in the snack area
- Remove and replace four partial tiles in the kitchen, remove door knobs, etc. to prepare for painting

Any help you can give would be appreciated.

Progressive Dinner

Our next East Texas congregational social will be a progressive dinner in the Gladewater area next Saturday night, Jan. 16. Today is the last day to sign the lists on the Information Table 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.

Right now we are a little short on hosts, so if we don't get enough who sign up today, we'll change it to a potluck meal next Saturday night. We

will know by tonight and will notify everyone on Sunday.

Sabbath School

Sabbath School will meet again on Jan. 23.

Men's Leadership Club

Men's Leadership Club will have a Ladies' Night on Jan. 23 about an hour after services at the Gladewater hall. If you are not involved in the club meeting we ask that you remove your belongings by that time to allow the club members to set up for the club meeting in the front of the hall.

Regional Basketball Weekend

East Texas will again host the first regional basketball weekend. Sabbath Services on Jan. 30 will be at the Gladewater High School auditorium at 2 p.m. We are still working on plans for a teen activity on Saturday night. Basketball games will be on Sunday in the Gladewater High School gym, and we will provide concessions as a congregational fundraiser to help offset the rental fees.

Garage Sale

Do you have things you want to get rid of? We are planning a garage sale for early to mid Feb. (assuming we will close on the

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building this month) 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.

Boot Scoot

Dust off your boots and join us on Saturday, Feb. 6 at Grapevine Convention Center in Grapevine, Texas for the 10th annual Boot Scoot benefiting the COGWA Youth Camp Activity and Scholarship fund. All proceeds made from the beef rib dinner and auction go towards giving financial assistance to campers and purchasing new equipment for various activities. We look forward to seeing you and enjoying another evening of fellowship and fun while raising money for the youth of our church! Campers who wear their camp shirts get an extra entry for door prizes!

You **MUST** register in advance for everyone attending. Tickets cannot be purchased at the door. Dinner prices are:

\$25 - ages 12 and over

\$12 - ages 3-10

\$5 - for 3 and under

Register at bootscoot.org. Ticket prices will increase by \$10 each after Jan. 18. The absolute deadline to purchase a ticket will be Jan. 23.

If you are paying dinner tickets by check, please make checks payable to COGWA-ET and mail to Brenda Hogg, 420 Pine Road, Big Sandy, TX, 75755. (You must still register if you pay by check.)

Contact Brenda Hogg at brenda.hogg@gmail.com or Kelli Hogg at kellihogg@gmail.com if you would like to donate an auction item or sponsor a portion of the event. Note, all auction items must be received by Kelli or Brenda by Jan. 23. Any items received after that date will be saved for the 2017 event.

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.

YALW 2016

The Church of God, a Worldwide Association, is pleased to announce its fourth Young Adult Leadership Weekend, to take place simultaneously in Atlanta, Georgia; Branson, Missouri; Columbus, Ohio; Fort Worth, Texas; San Diego, California; Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota; and Portland, Ore-

gon, on Presidents' Day Weekend, Feb. 12-14, 2016.

The Church considers it essential to invest in the leadership development of our young adults to better enable them to use their talents and abilities in the work of God. Through these Leadership Weekends, the Church wishes to educate, motivate and inspire its young adults to further fulfill leadership roles within the Church and the work by providing focused education and social opportunities to interact with peers.

This year's theme will be "Will He Really Find Faith? Standing Strong in a Faithless World." Christian leadership stands on the foundation of faith. We are not surprised, therefore, to see many enemies at the gate working to undermine our confidence and conviction. Those who know how to stand strong against that tide have always had a great influence on God's people. The Church continues to need this type of leadership. How can you remain immovable in a constantly shifting world? How can you, as a younger Christian leader, bear the kind of fruit befitting a representative of God's Kingdom? How can you defeat the enemies of faith? What little things must you be faithful in today to be entrusted with the really big things tomorrow? Could you be named among a modern list of Hebrews 11 heroes?

Keynote speakers for the weekend will be Jim Franks (COGWA president), Doug Horchak (Ministerial Services operation manager), Clyde Kilough (Media operations

manager), Britton Taylor (treasurer) and Dave Myers (youth education director). Some presentations will be streamed live over the Internet to the other locations, so everyone will be able to benefit from each presentation. Seminars and interactive small group sessions have been designed by a team of COGWA young adults and are designed to inspire and motivate us into greater spiritual service. We hope you will register early and plan to join us for this special weekend!

Online registration is now open. For more information and to register, simply go to <http://members.cogwa.org/yalw>.

For a weekend of inspiration, encouragement of faith, and leadership development, plan to attend YALW 2016!

Presidents' Day Weekend

The 20th annual Branson Presidents' Day family weekend is coming up February 12-15. We will have a full weekend of activities for the whole family. We will have lots of opportunity for fellowship and fun. It begins with an opening evening reception on Friday night and ends with a Pizza Party and game night on Sunday evening. We will have seminars from five area pastors and ministers from the Office in Allen, a family dinner-dance, carnival games for the younger set, mini-golf and many other things.

Next Sabbath we will have sign-up sheets for the family dinner as well as for helping out with the weekend by volunteering to bring goodies and finger foods for the opening reception as well as volunteering to help

with some of the activities and set-up for the weekend.

You can book your motel room by calling the Quality Inn at 417-334-1194 and telling them you are part of the Church of God Family Weekend. Cost of rooms is still only \$37 per night and includes a hot breakfast each morning.

More information about the seminars, family dinner, and other things will be coming next Sabbath. Hope to see many of you there!