

# Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

## Announcements • January 23, 2016

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 5:42 p.m. (ET), 5:33 p.m. (R)

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

Song Leader – Ed Weiss

Pianist – Ardith Weiss

Split Sermon – Gordon McCarty

Split Sermon – Rod Gehrke

### **Ruston: Holiday Inn Express, Ruston – 12 noon**

Song Leader – John Ivey

Pianist – Vicky Morton

Sermonette – Tom Moffitt

Sermon – Ken Treybig

### **General Announcements**

#### **Sabbath School**

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

#### **Men's Leadership Club**

Men's Leadership Club will meet **tonight** about an hour after services at the Gladewater hall.

#### **Study Papers**

The Ministerial Board of Directors approved five new study papers last fall and had them posted on the member website last month. A few printed copies are available on the Information Table for those who are unable to read them online or print them. If we run out and need more copies, please let Margaret Smith know and we'll print them for you and make them available next Sabbath.

They are on the topics of self-defense, holy day offerings, marrying within the faith, the Last Great Day and voting and politics.

#### **Basketball Practice**

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.

#### **Preteen Basketball Practice**

There will again be several time slots for preteen basketball at our regional weekends this year. Any preteens who would like to play this year are invited to come to the final hour of basketball practice this Sunday, 11 a.m. to noon. Terry Shipman will work with them on one end of the gym.

#### **Sunday Work Party**

We once again had a very good turnout last Sunday and during the week John Flynn and a few others continued painting. We will have another work party this Sunday starting at noon. We have some more cleanup to do after some additional sheet-rock patches along with more painting and some other minor items. Any amount of time you can give would be appreciated.

#### **Regional Basketball Weekend**

East Texas will host the first basketball tournament of this year next weekend on Jan. 30-31. Services will be at **2 p.m. at Gladewater High School**, 2201 Gay Ave, Gladewater, TX. On Saturday night, we have pizza and a variety of games and activities planned for the teens at our Church hall, address 708 E. Broadway (Hwy 80) in Gladewater. Teens, bring \$5 and enjoy some pizza and fun with friends from around the region!

Basketball will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday at the Gladewater High School gymnasium, 2201 Gay Ave., Gladewater, TX. We will again be providing concessions as both a service to our guests and to help defray a small portion of the gym rental costs. We hope you'll visit our concession stand. (Please bring cash as we are unable to process credit cards.)

#### **Basketball Concessions**

We are accepting donations of baked goods for the basketball concession stand for next weekend's tournament. The baked goods were a huge hit, and the concession stand sold out last year! If you have any questions or need to send your baked good with someone, please see Erin Benton.

#### **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

## **Garage Sale**

Do you have things you no longer use? We are planning a garage sale for mid Feb. (assuming we will close on the 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**

It's not too late to register for Boot Scoot! Where else can you go on a Saturday night to hear a LIVE BAND perform, eat beef ribs, shop at an auction AND have all the money go towards a great cause like the COGWA Youth Camp Fund? Registration for Boot Scoot will end tomorrow night at midnight. (Note, this is one day later than the original deadline.) We hope to see you there! Register at [bootscoot.org](http://bootscoot.org)!

We have secured a group rate of \$59.99 at a nearby Courtyard Marriott (7 miles away) if out-of-town guests would like to book a room. Reservation information will also be at [bootscoot.org](http://bootscoot.org) under Event Info.

## **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 20<sup>th</sup> annual Branson Presidents' Day family weekend is coming up Feb. 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 Headquarters in Allen, a family dinner-dance, carnival games for the youngsters, mini-golf and many other things.

We 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!

### **Dallas Teen Formal**

The Dallas Teens cordially invite you on *A Trip Around the World* - an evening of dinner and dancing with a special presentation honoring this year's graduating seniors. The date is Mar. 5, 2015 and Sabbath services will take place at Unity Church at 2 p.m. (the normal meeting location of the Dallas congregation—6525 Forest Lane, Dallas, TX), and the dinner/dance will take place at a new and exciting location just five minutes' drive from services: Embassy Suites Dallas Park Central. We've secured a \$105 hotel rate (single/double occupancy) which includes a full cook-to-order breakfast and an Evening Manager's Reception featuring beverages and light snacks from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. daily for registered hotel guests. For more information on the hotel, visit <http://dallasparkcentral.embassy.com>. Less costly hotels (Motel 6, Comfort Suites) are located within easy walking distance of Embassy Suites.

Early registration for the formal is \$35; families with two or more attending, \$30 per person;

late registration (after Feb. 22, 2016), \$40 per person. Go to <http://www.cogwadallas.org/teens> to register. Regional teen and adult basketball games will take place the following day at an athletic complex minutes away. Teens from outside the region who would like to participate in basketball on Sunday should contact Andy Burnett at [andy.burnett@cogwa.org](mailto:andy.burnett@cogwa.org) to be placed on a team. We hope to see you there!