

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • January 30, 2016

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 5:49 p.m. (ET), 5:39 p.m. (R)

East Texas: 2201 W. Gay Ave., Gladewater – 2 p.m.

Song Leader – Ken Treybig

Pianist – Ardith Weiss

Sermonette – John Flynn

Sermon – Ralph Levy

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

Song Leader – Steve Barnette

Pianist – Johna Barnette

Sermonette – Video

Sermon – Video

General Announcements

Regional Basketball Weekend

Services today will be at **2 p.m. at Gladewater High School**, 2201 Gay Ave, Gladewater, TX. **Tonight**, 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 starting at 6 p.m. Games start early the next day and our crew has to set up for concessions, so we need to end at 9 p.m. 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. tomorrow, 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 Practice

Basketball practice will be next Sunday, Feb. 7, from 9 to noon at the Big Sandy Middle School gym. Preteens can practice the final hour from 11 a.m. to noon.

Congregational Meeting

We have been looking for a time to have a short congregational meeting to update everyone on the building and give an opportunity for questions or comments. However the next three or four Saturday nights all have major events so we settled on next Sun. (Feb. 7) at noon at The Challenge. That will also give everyone a chance to see the progress. We plan to keep the meeting short and to have our next work party after the meeting.

Sabbath School

Sabbath School will meet again on February 13.

Men's Leadership Club

Men's Leadership Club will meet again on February 20.

Study Papers

Elders – Here to serve you

Ken Treybig, Pastor – (903) 844-9246

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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.

Garage Sale

Do you have things you no longer use? We are planning a garage sale for mid Feb. 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.

YALW 2016

Here is a quick reminder to our young adults to remember to register for our fourth Young Adult Leadership Weekend to take place simultaneously in

Atlanta, Branson, Columbus, Fort Worth, San Diego, Minneapolis/St. Paul, and Portland in just two weeks on Presidents' Day weekend, Feb. 12-14, 2016.

The deadline for registering is fast approaching! As you have heard, this year's theme will be "Will He Really Find Faith? Standing Strong in a Faithless World." Sessions scheduled for the weekend will discuss the following aspects of faith:

- What can we do to ensure that we will remain faithful (full of faith) to the end?
- How can we increase our faith in a faithless society?
- How can we be firmly grounded in God's way?
- How can we "establish our hearts"?
- What does it mean to "watch and pray always"?

There will also be two small group discussion sessions on "game changer" events that have really changed our lives and on the struggle to put the Kingdom of God first in our lives.

There is no doubt that each presentation and interactive small group session—all suggested by a team of COGWA young adults—are designed to inspire and motivate us toward greater spiritual service. You will not want to miss this opportunity for further instruction and interaction. Plan to join us for this very special weekend!

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

Presidents' Day Weekend

The 20th 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-suites.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 to be placed on a team. We hope to see you there!