

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • May 28, 2016

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 8:19 p.m. (ET), 8:10 p.m. (R)

East Texas: 24345 County Rd 3107, Gladewater – 2:30 p.m.

Song Leader – Wynn Worthen
Pianist – Kathy Treybig
Sermonette – Gordon McCarty
Sermon – Ken Treybig

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

Song Leader – Chris Teague
Pianist – Vicky Morton
Sermonette – Video
Sermon – Steve McNeely

General Announcements

Young Adult Meeting

We'll have a quick meeting at the stage right after services **this Sabbath** for all young adults—high school grads through 30s.

Graduation Reception

We will have a reception honoring this year's high school graduate **today** after services. We are asking that everyone bring non-dessert snacks.

Men's Leadership Club

Our final meeting of Men's Leadership Club will be about an hour after services **today**—immediately after the Graduate Reception. It will be our Ladies' Night and we look forward to our special guests.

Feast Housing

Regular Feast housing opened last Monday. If you need any

assistance in finding satisfactory housing, our Festival adviser will be happy to assist 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 225 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 our local festival adviser 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 July 10, so

please pick up the form and return it to your congregation's Festival adviser or your pastor as quickly as possible.

Again, Festival financial assistance is available for those who do not have a tithable income and for those who do not have adequate funds to attend the Feast even though they have faithfully saved their Festival tithe.

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

Elders – Here to serve you

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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

The Church has traditionally asked 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 all 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 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.

Camp Lone Star

Our first camp of the summer is Lone Star preteen camp. Staff training is Saturday night, June 4, and campers arrive on Sunday. Your prayers for God's protection and blessing would be appreciated.

FI Israel Tour

The Foundation Institute tour of Israel starts on June 5 and will end on June 15. Your prayers for the success of the trip and for everyone's safety would be appreciated.

Pentecost

Pentecost is on Sunday, June 12, and we will have two services—10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. at our normal locations.

Holy Day Offerings

Everyone should have received holy day offering envelopes. If you did not receive them, please contact Headquarters in Allen. Please include your Donor Envelope Number below the date in the space provided as it greatly helps in processing. It can be found on your 2015 year-end receipt.

Checks should be made payable to COG-East Texas, as we will process the offering locally before sending the funds to Headquarters. Please do not include other items (tithes, notes, etc.) as that greatly complicates the local processing.

Potluck on Pentecost

There will be a potluck meal between services on Pentecost in East Texas. Please bring two of the following food items: meat dish, vegetable dish, salad, or dessert. Also, be sure to label your serving dishes. Thanks for your help!

Deacon/Elder Meeting

Our next deacon/elder meeting will be Tuesday, June 14, starting at 7 p.m. Please mark your calendars for that date.