

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • June 11 & 12, 2016

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 8:27 p.m. (ET), 8:17 p.m. (R)

Sabbath Services

East Texas – 2:30 p.m.

Song Leader – Mark Benton
Pianist – Ardith Weiss
Sermonette – Ed Weiss
Sermon – Scott Hammer

Ruston – 1 p.m.

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

Pentecost Services

East Texas – 10:30 a.m.

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

Ruston – 10:30 a.m.

Song Leader – John Ivey
Pianist – Johna Barnette
Sermonette – Video
Sermon – Scott Hammer

East Texas – 2:30 p.m.

Song Leader – John Flynn
Pianist – Ardith Weiss
Sermonette – Rod Gehrke
Sermon – John Trotter

Ruston – 2:30 p.m.

Song Leader – Johnny Callender
Pianist – Johna Barnette
Sermonette – Chris Teague
Sermon – Video

General Announcements

Holy Day Offerings

Everyone should have received holy day offering envelopes. If you did not receive them, please contact Headquar-

ters 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!

Engagement

Mike and Brenda Kennebeck are excited to announce the engagement of their son, Jacob, to Kelley Cohorn, daughter of Wes and Trish Cohorn of Buford, Georgia. The wedding is planned for September 11, 2016 in Georgia.

Deacon/Elder Meeting

Our next deacon/elder meeting will be this Tuesday, June 14, starting at 7 p.m. Please

mark your calendars for that date.

Camps

Camp Lone Star was a great success this week. We were blessed with wonderful weather, great staff members and lots of happy campers with very few injuries. Thanks so much for your prayers! Camp Chattahoochee and Camp Sequoia will begin in a few weeks. Your prayers for God's protection and blessing for them would be appreciated.

FI Israel Tour

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

“Friday Night Live”

Mr. Mark Winner will present the next “Friday Night Live” Bible study next Friday night, June 17 titled “We Are Called to Lead” Go to <http://members.cogwa.org/fnl/> to connect.

Young Adult Get-Together

The building will be open for the young adults (high school graduate thru 39 years) to watch the “Friday Night Live” together next Friday, June 17. We will open the building at 6:30 p.m.

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

The webcast will begin at 7 p.m. Please bring dessert-style refreshments.

Feast Housing

Regular Feast housing is open. If you need any assistance in finding satisfactory housing, our Festival advisers 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 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.