

# Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

## Announcements • January 7, 2017

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 5:29 p.m. (ET), 5:19 p.m. (R)

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

Song Leader – Ed Weiss  
Pianist – Ardith Weiss  
Sermonette – Rod Gehrke  
Sermon – Ken Treybig

### Ruston: Country Inn & Suites, Ruston – 1 p.m.

Song Leader – John Ivey  
Pianist – Vicky Morton  
Sermonette – Tom Moffitt  
Sermon – Scott Hammer

### General Announcements

#### Choir Practice

There will be choir practice services **today**, Jan. 14, and Jan. 21 at the stage near the piano.

#### Basketball Practices

Basketball practice will begin tomorrow, Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Big Sandy Middle School Gym. The practice is for teens and adults.

#### Baby Shower

Everyone is invited to a baby shower for Lis Eaton at Church of God Big Sandy tomorrow, Sunday, at 1 p.m. Lis is having a girl, Sadie. She is registered at Target.

#### Potluck & Game Night

East Texas will have a themed potluck and game night next week on Jan. 14. This year our food theme will be comfort food. Bring your favorite com-

fort foods to share with the rest of us. We are asking everyone to bring two of the following: main dish, vegetable or salad, or dessert. Please sign the Food List on the Information Table with what you will be bringing. We will also have a group game where you will have a chance to win a prize. If you would like to play, please sign the Game List on the Information Table. **This week will be the last week to sign up.**

#### 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,” make payable to COG-East Texas, and send them to

Mr. Melton McNeely at PO Box 590, Hawkins, 75765.

#### 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 Friday, Jan. 20. We will open the building at 6:30 p.m. The webcast will begin at 7 p.m. Please bring dessert-style refreshments.

#### Sabbath School

Sabbath School will meet again right after services on Jan. 21.

#### Teen Bible Study

There will be a teen Bible study after services on Jan. 21.

#### Men’s Club

The next Men’s Club meeting will be about 45 minutes after services on Jan. 21.

#### Boot Scoot & Silent Auction

It’s time to dust your boots off and get ready for the 2017 Boot Scoot BBQ Dinner & Silent Auction benefiting COGWA Youth camps. Join us on FEB. 11 at the Grapevine Convention Center. Register online at [bootscoot.org](http://bootscoot.org). Remember, you must register in advance to attend! Tickets will not be sold at the door. The deadline for regis-

#### Elders – Here to serve you

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tration is Jan. 22. Like our Facebook page to receive updates and get a scoop on the silent auction: [facebook.com/bootscootfundraiser](https://www.facebook.com/bootscootfundraiser).

Traveling from outside of DFW? We have rooms reserved at the Grapevine Courtyard Marriott for \$69 per night. Go to <http://ow.ly/YYOL30769ha> to reserve your room today. The deadline to reserve a hotel room is Jan. 19.

Contact Brenda or Kelli Hogg with any questions at [brenda.hogg@gmail.com](mailto:brenda.hogg@gmail.com) and [kellihogg@gmail.com](mailto:kellihogg@gmail.com).

### **Branson Family Weekend**

The 21<sup>st</sup> Branson President's Day Family Weekend is just around the corner. When this activity started in December 1995 church members had just come through a horrible time with the disintegration of the church as we knew it. The members needed a time to get together with others of common mind for fellowship, fun and education. Times have changed in the past 21 years, but our purpose and goal remains the same.

You're all invited to join us in Branson for this special family weekend filled with fellowship, fun and educational opportunities. Mr. Doug Horchak, Ministerial Services director for COGWA will be our guest speaker. Mr. David Johnson, instructor at Foundation Institute will be there along with five area pastors who will present seven seminars. Our theme is "Walking as He Walked" with the focus on living our

lives and conducting ourselves like Christ did.

We hope you will consider joining us for this encouraging and exciting weekend. More details are available at the Information Center.

### **Local Variety Show**

Our variety show two years ago was a huge hit and we planned another one for March 4 of this year! Aubrey Jenison has once again agreed to coordinate the planning, so be thinking about what talents you can share with your fellow members. Be sure to email Aubrey if you already have something in mind. More details to come!

### **Dallas-Fort Worth Evening**

On April 15, the Sabbath during the Days of Unleavened Bread, the Fort Worth congregation will again be hosting a combined Sabbath Service for the Dallas and Ft Worth congregations at the beautiful Marriott Solana Hotel in Westlake Texas (near the DFW Airport). Later that evening, we will have a full 3 course dinner served and then dance to a live band as we celebrate the Festival together. The hotel has agreed to hold their pricing to what they did for us in 2014.

All rooms will be \$99.00 a night and include a full complementary buffet breakfast for 2 and the meals will be a choice ranging from \$34 to \$39 depending upon the entree chosen. As this is during the Feast Days, it is an appropriate use of 2<sup>nd</sup> Tithe if you so choose.

Please hold the date and add it to your calendars. Full details on reserving a room, meal se-

lections and reservations will follow by the end of January.

### **FI Cont. Education Seminars**

Foundation Institute, Center for Biblical Education, is pleased to announce two week-long seminars will be held in the Church's office in Allen, Texas, next summer. The dates will be June 26-30 and July 17-21, 2017. An exciting and varied program of classes will be offered, taught by FI instructors David Johnson and Ralph Levy and other ministers from the headquarters office. More details will be forthcoming as summer plans firm up.

Spaces will be limited, so if your plans are certain, please reserve your space early. You may send an email to Mr. Johnson, at [david.johnson@cogwa.org](mailto:david.johnson@cogwa.org), to indicate your interest, but your place will be reserved only when your tuition is received. Tuition will be \$75 per individual, or \$125 per couple, and will include the cost of a light lunch each day.

The class offerings in each seminar will be similar, with most of the content repeated, so please sign up for one seminar only.

Those who have come in previous summers have stayed in motels or with friends. Some FI apartment housing is likely to be available; more details will be made known at a later date.

### **Foundation Institute**

Foundation Institute, Center for Biblical Education, is pleased to announce that we are now accepting applications for our sixth academic year, Aug. 2017 through May 2018. The

Foundation Institute website provides helpful answers to most questions about attending FI.

Those who are interested in attending next year should go to the Foundation Institute website and click on the “Apply Now” tab. You may print an application and fill it out by hand, or you may fill it out online and then print out the completed application. Completed applications may be mailed to the address on the application or emailed as a PDF attachment to [apply@foundationinstitute.org](mailto:apply@foundationinstitute.org).

Our facility is at capacity this year, and we anticipate similar interest next year, so we encourage those who are interested to submit their applications as soon as possible. The deadline for applications for next year will be May 31, but it is possible we will reach capacity prior to that date. We plan to accept our first group of incoming students just prior to Passover.