

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • January 21, 2017

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 5:41 p.m. (ET), 5:32 p.m. (R)

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

Song Leader – Wynn Worthen
Pianist – Ardith Weiss
Sermonette – John Flynn
Sermon – John Trotter

Ruston: Country Inn & Suites, Ruston – 12 noon

Song Leader – John Ivey
Pianist – Vicky Morton
Sermonette – Video
Sermon – Ken Treybig

General Announcements

Game Night

Special thanks to the Ellis family for their work in coordinating the potluck meal and game night. We had good attendance and lots of fun!

Choir Practice

There will be choir practice after services **today** at the stage near the piano.

Sabbath School

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

Men's Club

Men's Club will meet about 45 minutes after services **today**.

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.

Regional Weekend

We need some help for our concession stand on the regional weekend. Basketball games will be played on Sunday, Jan. 29, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Gladewater High School gym. We especially need individually wrapped baked goods.

Regional Weekend Parking

For those who have trouble with stairs, we can use the parking spots in front of the office. You will have to walk around the side of the building, but it is

on the same ground level as the main entry doors, avoiding the stairs. We will have parking attendants present to help direct traffic.

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. Remember, you must register in advance to attend! Tickets will not be sold at the door. **The deadline for registration is Jan. 22.** Like our Facebook page to receive updates and get a scoop on the silent auction: facebook.com/bootscootfundraiser.

Contact Brenda or Kelli Hogg with any questions at brenda.hogg@gmail.com and kellihogg@gmail.com.

Branson Family Weekend

The 21st 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

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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.

Corpus Christi Campout

On the weekend of Friday Feb. 24 through Sunday Feb. 26 the Corpus Christi congregation will be hosting their second annual Goose Island State Park Campout. Goose Island State Park is located about 10 miles north of Rockport, TX.

We are planning to have a group meal together on Friday evening and also a Sabbath meal together. The Corpus Christ congregation will be supplying the main course and drinks for the Sabbath meal. We ask that those joining us for the meal please bring side dishes, and desserts.

Weekend activities will include a Sabbath Bible Study, campfire fellowship, and a telescope star/planet viewing party after the Sabbath ends.

Last year we had about 70 participants from 4 different church areas, this year we are hoping to host many more. This will be a great activity for hiking, biking, fishing, and fellowshipping.

There is a handout that is available at the Information Center, which contains more information. Or you may go the Corpus Christi COGWA website where an announcement is posted and the handout can be downloaded and printed out.

If you have any question feel free to contact Arnold Mendez, Sr.

Email: arnold.mendez@cogwa.org Cell number: 361-442-8144

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 2nd Tithe if you so choose.

Please hold the date and add it to your calendars. Full details on reserving a room, meal selections and reservations will follow by the end of January.

Foundation Outreach Int'l.

Foundation Outreach International and the Church would like to announce an opportunity for up to six young adults to serve in three different educational projects in late July/early August in the African countries of Zambia, Zimbabwe and Malawi! For each of these projects, we are looking for two young adults from the Church of God, a Worldwide Association, who are interested in serving brethren in these developing countries. Each project will be a total of 12 to 14 days in length. With the Zambian, Zimbabwean and Malawian projects, volunteers will teach English to our brethren in the rural areas of those countries.

We recommend you visit the FOI website (accessible from the COGWA member website). If you are **seriously interested** in any of these unique service projects, please pick up copies of both the **fact sheet** (which details requirements, dates and costs) and the **full application**. Note: Please submit this FULL APPLICATION (available at the Information Center). **DO**

NOT submit the short, interest application from the website. The deadline for applying is **April 7, 2017**, so get your application in soon!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Doug Horchak at doug.horchak@cogwa.org.

Thank you all very much!

FI Cont. Education Seminars

The Foundation Institute summer seminars have filled up already for both June 26-30 and July 17-21. However, if you would like to be put on a waiting list send an email to Mr. Johnson, at david.johnson@cogwa.org, to indicate your interest. Tuition will be \$75 per individual, or \$125 per couple, and will include the cost of a light lunch each day.

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.

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.