

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • January 28, 2017

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 5:48 p.m. (ET), 5:38 p.m. (R)

East Texas: 2201 W Gay Ave., Gladewater – 2:30 p.m.

Song Leader – Ken Treybig

Pianist – Ardith Weiss

Sermonette – Jared Weinbrenner

Sermon – Larry Salyer

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

Song Leader – Chris Teague

Pianist – Johna Barnette

Sermonette – Steve Barnette

Sermon – Video

General Announcements

Regional Weekend Sabbath

We welcome all our guests for this basketball weekend. **Sabbath services** start at 2:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. **No food or drink is allowed in the auditorium.**

The **teen activity** runs from 6 to 10 p.m. tonight at our church hall, 24345 CR 3107. Bring \$5 for pizza and drinks.

Basketball games will be at the high school gym from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. tomorrow, Sunday. **Concessions** will be available for your convenience and to help offset the cost of the weekend.

Local Donation Address

It has come to our attention that we have the wrong PO Box in the Local Directory, and therefore the announcement about donations to our local church activity fund has had the

incorrect address. We accidentally transposed the first two digits of the PO Box. So if you mailed something and it came back to you, here's the correct address.

Church of God East Texas

PO Box 950

Hawkins, TX 75765

We will update our announcement file with the correct address. Please make this correction in your Local Directory as well. Our apologies for any inconvenience this might have caused.

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 950, Hawkins, 75765.

Sabbath School

Sabbath School will meet again after services on March 4.

Young Adult Leadership W/E

Here is a quick reminder to our young adults to remember to register for our fifth Young Adult Leadership Weekend, to take place simultaneously in Atlanta, Branson, Columbus, Fort Worth and Minneapolis/St. Paul in just three weeks, on Presidents' Day weekend, Feb. 18-19, 2017.

The deadline for registering is fast approaching, and we encourage you to register as soon as possible! As you have heard, this year's theme will be "Walk as He Walked: Building the Character of Christ." Two keynote sessions, followed by discussion periods, will be the major educational focus. In addition, a small group discussion session will ask participants to identify the character that Christ displayed during times of great stress in His life. We'll then strive to identify how we can apply these lessons in our lives and "walk as He walked."

The weekend schedule also includes much more time to fel-

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lowship and spend time together.

The presentations and the interactive small group session—all covering topics 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>.

Branson Family Weekend

Remember the Branson President's Day Family Weekend is Feb. 18-19. 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.

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.

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

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!

Teen Formal/Basketball

The annual teen formal is fast approaching. This year's theme, "New York, New York," will serve as an excellent backdrop for a classy evening of food and dancing, as we honor this year's high school graduates. Our local website,

<http://cogwadallas.org/teens/>, provides all of the details regarding the Sabbath service, registration, hotel accommodations, the formal, where to send biographical information for graduating seniors, and basketball the following day. Registration is time-sensitive (March 4 deadline) and the hotel rooms at Embassy Suites fill quickly. March 4th also represents the deadline for parents of graduating seniors to provide high

school senior bio's and pictures for the slide show presentation. We look forward to spending this special weekend with you!

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!

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!

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.