

# Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

## Announcements • July 8, 2017

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Friday Sunset: 8:31 p.m. (ET), 8:21 p.m. (R)

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

Song Leader – John Flynn

Pianist – Ardith Weiss

Split Sermon – Rod Gehrke

Split Sermon – Larry Solomon

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

Song Leader – Chris Teague

Pianist – MP3s

Sermonette – In Accord

Sermon – John Trotter

### General Announcements

#### Moving

Ed and Ardith Weiss will be moving to Round Rock, Texas **tomorrow**, Sunday. They would like to request some assistance with loading the moving truck in the morning around 8 AM. If you are able to help, please let Ed know, or just show up at their house at 201 W. Gilmer in Big Sandy.

Thank you for your willingness to help!

#### 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. 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.)

**The deadline to submit an assistance application is July 15**, 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'

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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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website can also contribute “tithe of the tithe” funds by selecting “Tithe of Tithe” from the drop-down menu on the donation page.

Again, thank you for your generosity in helping to make the Feast special for all of us.

### **Social Planning Meeting**

We will have our annual social planning meeting Tuesday, July 18, starting at 7 p.m. in the church hall. Anyone with ideas or an interest in helping plan local church socials is welcome to attend!

### **Camp Update**

Camp Carter started this past weekend and will run through Sunday morning. Spirits have been high despite some rain from a strong thunderstorm late Wednesday afternoon and evening. Many photos have already been posted on the COGWA Youth Camps Facebook page.

We now have a two week break before the next camps will begin. Thank you so much for your prayers so far this summer!