

# Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

## Announcements • July 22, 2017

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 8:26 p.m. (ET), 8:16 p.m. (R)

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

Song Leader – Wynn Worthen

Pianist – MP3s

Sermonette – John Flynn

Sermon – Ralph Levy

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

Song Leader – Johnny Callender

Pianist – Johna Barnette

Sermonette – Tom Moffitt

Sermon – Ken Treybig

### General Announcements

#### Camp Update

Camp Sequoia (teen) and Camp Wood Lake (preteen) begin on Sunday. Your prayers would be appreciated for these camps as well.

#### Social Planning

Thanks to those who attended the planning meeting we have an interesting lineup of socials for the coming activity year. A new social calendar will be available soon.

We also discussed some community outreach options and decided on a few. The first one involves a local shelter here in Gladewater.

#### Community Outreach

We have the opportunity to help a local women and children shelter here in Gladewater, Restoring Joy Ministries. They

provide housing, counseling, education and more to about 48 women and women with children who are coming out of abusive and/or poverty situations. They are currently in need of cleaning supplies and toilet paper. All cleaning and cooking duties are the responsibilities of the residents. If you would like to donate to this cause, please place your items in the box located on the coat rack in the entry. We will collect items over the next four weeks. If you have any questions, please see Scarlet Ellis.

#### 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

#### Elders – Here to serve you

Ken Treybig, Pastor – (903) 844-9246

Les McCullough – (903) 636-5585

Larry Solomon – (903) 939-2377

Leon Walker – (903) 636-4928

Scott Hammer – (903) 845-5189

Melton McNeely – (903) 769-3394

John Trotter – (903) 636-4515

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.!