

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • March 24, 2018

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 7:33 p.m. (ET), 7:24 p.m. (R)

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

Song Leader – Wynn Worthen

Pianist – MP3s

Sermonette – Reese Brown

Sermon – Scott Hammer

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

Song Leader – John Ivey

Pianist – Vicky Morton

Sermonette – Tom Moffitt

Sermon – Ken Treybig

General Announcements

Excused Absence Forms

Today is the last day to request an excused absence form for the spring holy days for work or school. Please sign the list at the Information Center if you need one. If you signed the list last week, the forms are underneath the sign-up sheet.

Sabbath School

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

Passover Assistance

Please sign the list on the Information Center if you will need assistance with foot washing at the Passover service. If you have any questions contact Nancy Worthen at 903-636-

4773 or email at granaryst@juno.com.

Passover

In addition to your Bible, everyone is asked to bring a foot basin and towel for the foot washing at Passover services this Thursday, March 29. Ruston will meet at the Origin Bank in Ruston. Ruston will start at 7:30 p.m. and East Texas will start at 7:45 p.m. Please be in your seats a few minutes ahead of time.

Holy Day Offerings

Holy day offering envelopes were mailed out several weeks ago with the new booklet. If you did not receive them, please contact headquarters in Allen. Please include your Donor Envelope Number below the date in the space provided as it greatly helps in processing. It can be found on your 2017 year-end receipt.

Checks should be made payable to COG-East Texas, as we will process the offering locally before sending the funds to headquarters. Please do not include other items (tithes, notes, etc.) as that greatly complicates the local processing.

Unleavened Bread Services

The First Day of Unleavened Bread is next Saturday, March 31. We'll have one service in the afternoon at our normal locations starting at 1 p.m. in Ruston and 2:30 p.m. in East Texas.

The Last DUB is on Friday, Apr. 6, and we will have two services—10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. at our normal locations. East Texas will have a potluck lunch between services.

Men's Leadership Club

Men's Club will meet again on April 21.

Camp Applications

The camp application system is now open. Simply go to your COGWA portal account, look under the Events area on the bottom left of your account main page and click on the "Click Here to Apply." If you do not already have a COGWA portal account, go to the "Apply" page of the camp website (<http://camps.cogwa.org/apply/>) and click the link in the second paragraph for instructions on how to set up your portal account. Details about each camp can be found on the individual camp pages of the camp website.

Elders – Here to serve you

Ken Treybig, Pastor – (903) 714-3684

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

Please note that we need a NEW photo (taken within the three months before an application is submitted) of each person that applies for camp to use in case of a medical emergency. If you need to upload a new photo, go to your portal account home page, find the name of the person applying for camp at the top right of the page under the “Household Members” heading and click the camera icon. Follow the instructions to upload a new photo and make that the default profile image.

We would also like to remind everyone that we want all COGWA attendees who wish to attend camp to have that opportunity. To help ensure that, we offer scholarship help (generally a partial tuition scholarship) to those who need it to be sure they can attend one camp this year. Simply contact the camp director to request a scholarship to get the process started.

The theme for this year’s camps is, “Walking with Integrity,” and the first deadline is approaching, which is April 9 for Camp Lone Star. We hope to see you at camp this year!

Feast Registration

Festival registration opens on Sunday, April 1, 2018, at 10 a.m. Eastern time. We ask that ALL COGWA households please complete the online Festival registration—whether attending in the U.S. or internationally. If adult members in one household are attending different sites, they will need to register individually. We also ask that those NOT able to attend please register as well—this gives us more accurate figures for planning.

Beginning at 10 a.m. Eastern time on Sunday, April 1, members can begin accessing the <http://feast.cogwa.org> web page for Feast registration. The email address of the registrant will be used to identify that person’s or family’s registration account. After accessing the COGWA Feast web page, simply click on the “REGISTRATION” tab and begin the process. All registrants will receive an email verification immediately after completing the first step of registration. To complete the process, access that email, click on the link provided and finish your Festival registration.

If you need help registering, please see our local festival advisor (Eric Case in East Texas and Chris Teague in Ruston).

Housing information has been posted to the Church’s Feast website at <http://feast.cogwa.org>. Early housing opens on May 7, and regular housing begins May 14.

Registration for Satellite Sites

As we have already mentioned, COGWA will be sponsoring two satellite Festival sites, one in southern Minnesota and the other in southern Florida this year. These are *restricted attendance* sites designed for those members in that region who find it difficult to travel to their regular assigned Feast site (Branson, Missouri, and Orange Beach, Alabama). The members in those areas will receive further information about attendance requirements for those two sites; however, we want the rest of the membership to be aware that these two Festival sites are for those affected in that region,

along with any family members who choose to join them.