

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • April 14, 2018

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Friday Sunset: 7:48 p.m. (ET), 7:38 p.m. (R)

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

Song Leader – John Flynn

Pianist – MP3s

Sermonette – James Ellis

Sermon – Ralph Levy

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

Song Leader – Steve Barnette

Pianist – Vicky Morton

Sermonette – Johnny Callender

Sermon – Ken Treybig

General Announcements

Building Work Party

Many, many thanks to everyone who came last Sunday morning to help with the work party. We were able to check off ALL the major items on our list and it felt great to accomplish so much! The donation of your time and energy is much appreciated.

Construction Area

Due to safety concerns, we ask that parents be sure to keep your children out of the old kitchen area behind the auditorium. The cabinets are gone and all the electrical outlet covers were removed so the sheetrock can be repaired. We have pulled the partition doors most of the way closed, but the sound crew needs access to their equipment so we had to leave a small opening. Please note that area is not

safe at this time and will be undergoing renovation and construction for a number of weeks, so consider that area off limits until further notice. Thanks so much for your cooperation.

Sabbath School

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

Lost and Found

There are quite a few items that have accumulated in our lost and found. Please take a moment to check the box in the entryway to claim any items that are yours. We will leave the box out a few weeks, and all items that are not picked up will be donated.

Men's Leadership Club

Men's Club will meet next Sabbath, April 21, about 45 minutes after services.

"Friday Night Live"

Mr. Clyde Kilough will present the next "Friday Night Live" Bible study this Friday night, April 20, titled "Countering the Culture of Criticism." To connect, go to <http://members.cogwa.org/fnl/>.

Elders – Here to serve you

Ken Treybig, Pastor – (903) 714-3684

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Picnic Brunch & Yard Games

We will have a picnic brunch beginning at 10 a.m. on Sunday, April 22. Please plan to join us for fun and games! We are asking everyone to bring brunch-style foods for a potluck picnic. Coffee, tea, and juice will be provided.

Feel free to bring a blanket to sit and eat out on the lawn. We will also set up some tables and chairs on the porch and sidewalk. We would also like to plan for outside games, such as horseshoes, corn hole, water-balloon toss, a treasure hunt for the children, and possibly a three-legged race. If you would like to coordinate one of those or if you have any outdoor games or ideas you would be willing to share, see James or Scarlet Ellis. Please sign the sheet on the Information Table if you plan to come.

Second Passover

Please be sure to contact Mr. Treybig if you need to take the second Passover on Saturday, April 28, at sundown.

Mother's Day Meal

On Saturday evening, May 5, our congregation is planning a meal honoring Mothers. The meal will begin shortly after Sabbath services.

If you would like to participate, please put your name on the sign-up list at the Information Center and give the total number (include yourself) of family attending. There is also a sign-up list for dish selections (meat, vegetable, salad, bread or dessert).

Feast Registration

Festival registration is still open. If you have not yet registered, 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.

Members can access 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.

Branson Feast Site Change

The White House Theatre, the location we have used for the Feast of Tabernacles the past seven years, will not be available for our use this year. The owners of the theatre decided to lease it for the rest of the year to another production company. We were just recently informed of this change. The new company was not interested in subleasing it to us for the Feast. We beseeched God to take care of us and reached out to some influential friends in Branson. God intervened and provided for us once again. The Feast of Tabernacles in Branson will now be at The Starlite Theatre, 3115 W. 76 Country Blvd. (You can see pictures of this beautiful facility by searching "The Starlite Theatre, Branson, MO.")

God has blessed us with another fine facility for the Feast in 2018 (and possibly future years). The Starlite Theatre is one of the newer theatres in Branson with seating for 840 people. There is a side street that allows entry and exit from the theatre without getting on Highway 76. The theatre has a large lobby with a diner attached. There is plenty of space for our needed offices, including the mothers' room, along with Festival instruction and hospitality areas for teens and young adults. The Bible studies and family dance will be held at a great location only four blocks from the theatre. The theatre should serve our needs very well this year. All housing is basically the same distance from this theatre as it is from the White House Theatre with minor exceptions.

Camp Deadline Extended

Howdy, parents and preteen campers! **GREAT NEWS!** The Camp Lone Star application deadline has been extended to **April 23.** (Camp runs from June 10-13, 2018, and staff members arrive June 10.) You can submit your application online by going to www.camps.cogwa.org, navigating to the Camp Lone Star page and clicking the Apply button. We are looking forward to seeing y'all soon!