

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • March 16, 2019

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 7:27 p.m. (ET), 7:18 p.m. (R)

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

Song Leader – James Richards

Pianist – Kenny Lloyd

Sermonette – James Ellis

Sermon – David Johnson

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

Song Leader – Steve Barnette

Pianist – Johna Barnette

Sermonette – Steve Barnette

Sermon – Scott Hammer

General Announcements

Congregational Photo

We will be taking a congregational photo from the stage immediately after services **today**. We will be including this photo in a few cards we will be sending to some international congregations for the Days of Unleavened Bread. Please sign the cards at the Information Center.

Choir Music

We will have a short meeting of the choir right after our congregational photo to hand out music and rehearsal recordings of the next song we'll be singing for the spring feasts.

Sabbath School

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

Men's Leadership Club

Men's Club will meet about 45 minutes after services **today**.

Camp Application System

The camp application system is open and. There was a slight makeover of the website, and the camp details for 2019 were made available on the site in mid-February. You may now start applying for the camp(s) of your choice by clicking the "Apply Now" button on that camp's web page. Alternatively, you may also begin by logging into your Portal account (<https://portal.cogwa.org/acct/login.php>) and looking for the "Click Here to Apply" button on the bottom left of the home page.

Please note: The system was changed this year to **require** that a new photo (taken within the last three months) be uploaded and the date entered before you will be allowed to fill in an application for camp. Just click on the red camera icon to the left of the "Enter Applicant Details" to upload a new photo and enter the date it was taken.

Camp Lone Star

Howdy Parents and Preteen Campers! Camp Lone Star application deadline is quickly approaching. Camp runs from June 16-19, 2019 (Staff arrives June 16). Please send in your applica-

tion by April 1. All post-application paperwork is due May 31, 2019. Deduct \$15 if payment is received by May 31. Your application can be submitted online by navigating to [Camp Lone Star - Camps - COGWA Youth Camps](#). We are looking forward to seeing y'all soon!

Office Move-In

From headquarters (for surrounding congregations):

On Wednesday, Feb. 27, we loaded everything from the Church office in Allen and transported it the 6 miles north to McKinney! It actually took two days to move everything from the old office to the new one. On Friday, March 1, we opened the new office for business, although most of the day was spent unpacking! Foundation Institute classes resumed Monday morning in our brand new classroom!

Thank you for all your prayers and support! It has been a long journey, but we have arrived at a significant point in our short history. Our new address is: 3701 Medical Center Drive, McKinney, Texas. Our phone numbers are the same and we are keeping our post office box in Dallas for donations. We will be changing our Allen post office box to a new one in McKinney for letters and other mailings.

Since we know that many of you would enjoy visiting the

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new office, we are planning an open house on Sunday, April 7. It will be from 3:00 to 5:00 PM and will be a casual walk through for those interested. We still have several items to take care of and more furniture to be delivered before everything will be completed. We are hopeful to have most of it done by the open house.

After the open house, we are also planning a formal dedication of the building at the beginning of the International Ministerial Conference which is scheduled for May 20-22. The dedication will be on Sunday evening, May 19. With ministers and wives from around the world in town for the conference, we anticipate more than 300 people will be in attendance, which will strain the capacity of our facility, but this is a very special occasion. Any local members who desire to attend the dedication are certainly welcome.

Foundation Institute

Foundation Institute is pleased to announce that we have accepted the first 13 applicants as students in next year's program. More applications are currently in process and we hope to accept a second group of applicants prior to Passover.

Those who wish to attend next year and have not yet submitted an application should consider doing so soon. While our classroom capacity will be greater in our new facility, and the official deadline for applications is May 31, there is still the possibility of reaching capacity prior to the deadline. Early applications also enable us to make sure we have adequate student housing availa-

ble. While we will accept applications after the deadline as long as there is room, we cannot promise housing for those who apply after that date.

Applications and admission information is located on the Foundation Institute website.

Houston Black Tie Ball

The Houston COGWA congregations cordially invite you to this year's formal dinner dance which will take place Saturday evening, April 27 in Spring, Texas...just north of Houston. A fine meal, live music, dancing and fellowship with brethren at a beautiful location is a great way to conclude the spring holy days. Last year, after enjoying a lovely meal, 165 people danced the night away to a variety of music genre. You won't want to miss out this year! Seating is limited, so don't wait to purchase tickets. For additional details and to purchase tickets, please visit the event website at: <http://buytickets.at/cogwablacktieball2019/234800>

FI - Seminar

Foundation Institute, Center for Biblical Education, is pleased to announce a weeklong seminar in the headquarters office of the Church of God, a Worldwide Association, in McKinney, Texas. Because the headquarters ministry have other commitments, there will be only one seminar this summer, but the new FI classroom will allow us to accept up to 48 participants.

The seminar will be the week of July 15 to 19, 2019, and classes will be taught by several ministers in the office. In fact, there will be some 38 hours of Bible instruction. Details about

class offerings are not confirmed yet, but will be announced in due time.

The tuition cost is \$75 per person, or \$125 for a married couple. The fee will cover administrative costs for the program and a light lunch each day.

Registration will open at 10 a.m. Central Daylight Time (Texas time) on Sunday, March 31, 2019. Beginning at that time you may send an email to David Johnson at david.johnson@cogwa.org. Those accepted will receive a confirmation email and further details about the program.

We look forward to seeing you here in Texas for our first Continuing Education seminar in the new office.