

# Church of God, a World-wide East Texas & Ruston

## Announcements • March 23, 2019

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 7:32 p.m. (ET), 7:23 p.m. (R)

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

Song Leader – John Flynn  
Pianist – MP3s  
Sermonette – James Ellis  
Sermon – John Trotter

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

Song Leader – Chris Teague  
Pianist – Johna Barnette  
Sermonette – Johnny Callender  
Sermon – Larry Solomon

### General Announcements

#### Hilltop Project

Remember we will be collecting bags of apples again next Sabbath for the Big Sandy Schools. Any contributions would be appreciated.

#### Passover Assistance

Those needing assistance with footwashing at the Passover, please sign the list on the Information Table or contact Nancy Worthen ([grana-ryst@juno.com/903-636-4773](mailto:grana-ryst@juno.com/903-636-4773)).

#### Night to be Much Observed

We plan to again host a meal in the local church hall for the Night to be Much Observed on Friday night, April 19. Since a lot of planning needs to be done in advance, we ask you to sign the list at the Information Center if you would like to attend. Please also note how many will be in your party.

#### Feast Greetings Cards

Remember to sign the cards at the Information Center wishing small congregations in Malawi and Switzerland a happy spring feast season.

#### Feast Website

The Feast website now has the site descriptions posted at <http://feast.cogwa.org>. The housing brochure will be posted by April 5 and online registration begins on April 14.

#### Sabbath School

Sabbath School will meet again on April 6.

#### Men's Leadership Club

Men's Club will meet about 45 minutes after services on April 13.

#### New Church Addresses

With the move to the new office, the Allen post office box will soon be shut down. Please immediately discontinue using the Allen post office box address. For mail you may use either our new post office box in McKinney or our physical address. We prefer that you use the post office box since there are days the office is closed and mail cannot be collected from or delivered to our physical address.

#### MAILING ADDRESS:

Church of God, a Worldwide Association

P.O. Box 3490

McKinney, TX 75070-8189

#### PHYSICAL ADDRESS:

Church of God, a Worldwide Association

3701 Medical Center Dr

McKinney, TX 75069-1707

These addresses are FOR MAIL ONLY.

**TITHES/OFFERINGS/DONATIONS** should be sent to our post office box in Dallas. This box is connected to Chase bank and allows donations to be deposited directly into our account.

Church of God, a Worldwide Association

P.O. Box 731480

Dallas, TX 75373-1480

#### Camp Application System

Remember the camp application system is open for applications. You can start your application by clicking the "Apply Now" button on the camp of your choice on its 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

#### Elders – Here to serve you

Ken Treybig, Pastor – (903) 714-3684

Scott Hammer – (903) 845-5189

Melton McNeely – (903) 769-3394

Larry Solomon – (417) 437-5412

John Trotter – (903) 636-4515

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 application 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 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 available. 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/cogwablacktie-ball2019/234800>

### **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](mailto: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.