Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • December 21, 2019

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Web sites: http://cogwa.org, http://easttexas.cogwa.org **Friday Sunset: 5:17 p.m. (ET), 5:08 p.m. (R)**

East Texas: 24345 County Rd 3107, Gladewater – 2:30 p.m.
Song Leader – Mark Benton
Pianist – Kathy Treybig
Sermonette – Rod Gehrke
Sermon – Ken Treybig

Ruston: Country Inn & Suites, Ruston– 1 p.m.
Song Leader – Chris Teague
Pianist – Vicky Morton
Sermonette – Steve Barnette
Sermon – Scott Hammer

General Announcements

Sabbath School

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

Financial Peace Time Meeting

We are set to start the Financial Peace University classes on Wed. night, Jan. 8. If you plan to attend, please meet up by the stage right after services for a very brief meeting to set the time for our classes.

Men's Leadership Club

The next Men's Leadership Club meeting **today** about 45 minutes after services.

Apple Collection

We will be collecting bags of apples for the needy children of the Big Sandy Schools next Sabbath.

WFW Sabbath Services

We will be connecting to the webcast of services from Winter Family Weekend in Louisville this next Sabbath, Dec. 28. Please note services for both Ruston and East Texas will be at 1:30 p.m. that day.

As usual, we ask that you be in your seats early so we can be sure the webcast is coming through correctly. Thanks for your cooperation.

Escape Room & Movie Night

The escape room and movie night social is next week. The back of the hall (old kitchen area) and the classroom will be closed off and set for the escape rooms. Services will be followed by a potluck. Please bring a main dish and side or dessert and bring your favorite movie snacks to share. Popcorn will be provided.

Bags are packed for two different Egypt to Canaan themed escape rooms. For those unsure of a life in Egypt and wandering the wilderness there is a shorter version of the game. Then a longer version for those undaunted by puzzles, codes and specialty locks. Sign up at the Information Center for the game room and time of your choice. Feel free to skip the escape room and stay for the movie.

More details are on the flier at the Information Center.

WFW Arrival and Check-In

Those attending the WFW in Louisville need to be aware that, when arriving at The Galt House Hotel, you will need to proceed to the newly renovated West Tower (formerly called the Rivue Tower). Check-in, bell service, self-parking and valet are all now located in the West Tower. The hotel has closed the East Tower (formerly called the Suite Tower) lobby for renovation.

WFW Illness

The Winter Family Weekend—the single largest gathering of Church members each year—is just a few days away. This event is a wonderful time for many in God's Church to get together and enjoy learning, fellowship and activities together! With these things in mind, we request that everyone please use wisdom regarding illness. Should you become ill just before or at the event, we ask that you please quarantine yourself at home or in your hotel room rather than risk spreading the illness to others. There will be elders available to anoint at the WFW if anyone has need. Thank you in advance for taking the necessary precautions if illness occurs.

Elders – Here to serve you

Ken Treybig, Pastor – (903) 714-3684
Melton McNeely – (903) 769-3394
Scott Hammer – (903) 738-5367
John Trotter – (903) 636-4515

Song Leaders & Hymn Accompanists

If you're planning to attend this year's Winter Family Weekend in Louisville, consider setting aside time on Wednesday evening, Dec. 25, to attend our second seminar for you!

Two of our longtime field pastors and their "hymn accompanist wives" (Dave and Teddi Treybig and Doug and Janel Johnson) will once again be sharing guidelines and instruction on this important aspect of our Sabbath services.

Last year's workshop served as an introduction. This year we will continue to develop skills and implement hands-on practice. No matter your skill set (beginner or well-seasoned), we plan to demonstrate tips and methods to help you fine-tune and hone those aptitudes.

We'll have two separate (but simultaneous) workshops from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The Johnsons will be conducting the hymn accompanist workshop in the Nunn Room, while the Treybigs work with the song leaders in the Breathitt Room at the same time.

Thank you for your continuing service to God's people. We look forward to working together to be more effective in that service, following this year's theme, "The Spirit of Unity."

See you there!

Foundation Institute

Are you considering applying to attend Foundation Institute next year? If so, and if you will be attending the Winter Family Weekend in Louisville, we'd like to talk with you.

An important part of the admission process for FI is a personal interview with a faculty member. The Winter Family Weekend offers a great opportunity to sit down with a faculty member and discuss what is involved in attending Foundation Institute. The faculty members in attendance are always happy to answer your questions, but we also want to schedule some time to talk personally with each potential applicant. Interviews are casual and usually last 20 to 30 minutes.

If you are attending the Winter Family Weekend and considering applying for Foundation Institute next year, please send a note to david.johnson@cogwa.org to let us know. Be sure to include your phone number, and we will call or text to arrange a specific time when we can talk.

For those who may not be able to attend the Winter Family Weekend, you may download an application from the Foundation Institute website, (foundationinstitute.org) and submit it as soon as it is completed. We'll arrange for an interview with you at another time.

We look forward to hearing from the future graduating class of 2021.

Basketball Practices

For your advance planning, please note we will start basketball practices on Jan. 5. As in the past they will be from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Sandy Middle School gym. Check the local website calendar for additional practice dates. The URL is: http://easttexas.cogwa.org/calendar/.

Church Social

We are planning a "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" social on Jan. 11. Please begin thinking about whether you would like to be a host/hostess or a guest. Sign-up sheets will be at the Information Center.

AR Services & Costume Dance

The Bentonville, AR congregation would like to invite you to join us for Sabbath services, a meal and a Costume Dance on Jan. 18, 2020!

The theme for the dance is "FAMOUS", meaning it can be someone from history, the movies, TV, books or the music industry. As appropriate for the Church of God, we only ask that costumes be tasteful and appropriate.

Several area families are opening their homes to who may wish to stay with them that weekend. That housing will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

We have also negotiated with an area hotel with the following information and rates:

10 rooms (5 King and 5 Double Queen) at the Holiday Inn Express in Bentonville (less than 2 miles from Hope Church). The room rate is $78 plus tax and the cut-off date to secure this discounted rate is Jan. 4. Anyone who books after Jan. 4 will pay a higher room rate. The hotel is:

Holiday Inn Express
2205 SE Walton Blvd
Bentonville, AR 72712

Group Name: Church of God, a Worldwide Association

Reservations: 479-271-2222

If you have any questions, or need more information, please contact Dennis or Lyndi Fultz at: dennislyndi@yahoo.com or by phone or test to 479-633-2777. Please also let the Fultz's know how many plan to come. This information will help us with planning for the meal.

We look forward to seeing you next month in Bentonville!

Boot Scoot

Dust off your boots and join us on Saturday, Feb. 8, at the Grapevine Convention Center for the 14th Annual Boot Scoot benefiting the COGWA Youth Camps and Teen Program. All proceeds from the event will go toward financial assistance for campers, brand new equipment and teen activities. We look forward to seeing you and enjoying another evening of fellowship and fun while raising money for the youth of our church!

Coming in from out of town? We've got you covered. We have booked a block of rooms at a nearby Courtyard Marriott for $74 per night. Check our website at bootscoot.org for more information.

You MUST register in advance to attend. Tickets CANNOT be purchased at the door. Ticket prices will increase by $10 after Wednesday, Jan. 15. The final deadline to purchase tickets is Friday, Jan. 27.

Registration is now open at bootscoot.org! We look forward to seeing you!

Foundation Outreach Int'l

Greetings from McKinney, Texas!

Foundation Outreach International and the Church would like to announce an opportunity for up to four young adults to serve in two different educational projects in late July/early August of 2020 in the African counties of Zambia and Zimbabwe! We are looking for young adults from the Church of God, a Worldwide Association, who are interested in serving brethren in these developing countries. Projects involve teaching English to our brethren in the rural areas of Zimbabwe or Zambia. Participants for both projects will be gone a total of 12 to 14 days.

We recommend you visit the FOI website (accessible from the COGWA members' website). If you are **seriously interested** in any of these unique service projects, please pick up copies of both the **fact sheet** (which details requirements, dates and costs) and the **ATTACHED FULL application.** Note: Please submit this FULL APPLICATION (available at the information table or attached to this email). DO NOT submit the short, interest application from the website. The deadline for applying is **April 3, 2020,** so get your application in soon!

If you have any questions about this project, feel free to contact Doug Horchak at doug.horchak@cogwa.org.

Thank you all very much!