

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • March 14, 2020

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 6:26 p.m. (ET), 6:17 p.m. (R)

East Texas: 24345 County Rd 3107, Gladewater – 2:30 p.m.
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Ruston: Country Inn & Suites, Ruston– 12 noon
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Webcast at **2 p.m.** on Roku & <http://cogwa.tv/>.

General Announcements

Excused Absence Forms

If you need a form for work or school, please sign the list on the Information Table (one name per line please). We will have them available for you next Sabbath. Forms requested last Sabbath are on the clipboard under the signup list. They can be picked up next Sabbath, or if you need them immediately they can be scanned and emailed.

“Friday Night Live”

Mr. Zach Smith will present the next “Friday Night Live” Bible study Friday night, March 20. The title is “Any Questions?” To connect, go to <http://members.cogwa.org/fnl/>.

FI Service Project & Potluck

The FI students will be joining us for services and a potluck on March 21. They will be providing ushering, song leading, sermonette, special music and any other services they can help out

with. We will be having a potluck after services with the students providing the drinks. Please bring two of the following food items: meat dish, vegetable dish, salad, or dessert. Also, be sure to label your serving dishes. Thanks for your help!

Church Picnic

Be sure to mark your calendars for our annual church picnic! It will be held Sunday, April 26, at Lake Gladewater. There will be kid’s games, horseshoes, baseball, boat rides and much more. Come join us for food, fun and fellowship! More details will follow.

Camp Application System Opens

For the past several months, we have been working toward a new application system for COGWA Youth Camps that will integrate with our database system. We are now happy to announce that the system will open at 10 a.m. Central Daylight Time on Sunday, March 15, at which time you can start applying for our 2020 camps.

You will start at the same place you’ve always gone—the COGWA Portal. When you log into the account, you will see the CYC application notice at the bottom left of your screen. To this point, everything will look the same. However, when you

click on the “Apply” button, you will notice things starting to change.

The instructions in the blue box above your list of household members will be much larger with a lot more detailed instructions. We encourage you to read everything in that blue box **very carefully!** You will note several important points, including the following highlights:

- There are new forms spread across several pages and very little will be “pre-populated” (automatically filled in), so you will have to enter a lot of information for each household member this year.
- However, once you have entered that information for an applicant, applying for a second camp will be very quick. Whatever you entered will pre-populate any subsequent 2020 camp application—for that applicant.
- Please note, this will apply for each household member individually.
- This system will require you to upload a photo with each **application**, so you will need to have handy a recent full-face digital photo (taken within the last three months) to upload with each application.

We understand this will take a little more time this year, but it will allow us to pull that data

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into our new system to be able to pre-populate additional applications. The system is new, and though we have tested it extensively, it is quite possible that we may need to make a minor tweak here or there. Once we have this year's data and are comfortable with how the system is working, we will be able to address how much we can pre-populate forms for everyone next year.

We appreciate your patience in working with this new system. If you have any trouble or questions, you can contact us at registration@cogwa.org, and we'll be happy to assist you.

FI Summer Program

The faculty and administration of Foundation Institute are excited to announce our ninth annual Summer Continuing Education program.

This year we will be able to offer two one-week sessions, the first from June 8-12 and the second from July 13-17. Since we are using our new classroom facility, we will be able to accommodate up to 48 students for each session, so we believe we will have adequate room for any who wish to attend.

The tuition for each one-week session is \$75 per person or \$125 per couple, and this includes all instructional materials and a light lunch each day. We also plan to work with local hotels to offer special rates for housing in the immediate area.

Details about classes and instructors will be announced later, but we need your help in planning and preparing. Registration for the Summer Continuing Education classes will open at 10 a.m. Central time on Sunday, March 22. At that time you

may go to the foundationinstitute.org website, click on the "Continuing Education" tab, and complete and submit the registration form. You will be able to indicate which session you wish to attend or if you are able to attend either session. By Friday, March 27, we will send an email to notify you whether you have been accepted or placed on a waiting list. Once you receive your acceptance email, you may send in your tuition to confirm your reservation.

Thanks for your interest and help. We look forward to hearing from you and welcoming you to this year's Summer Continuing Education program.