

# Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

## Announcements • June 13, 2020

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 8:27 p.m. (ET), 8:18 p.m. (R)

**East Texas: 24345 County Rd 3107, Gladewater – 2:30 p.m.**  
**Webcast on Roku & <http://cogwa.tv/>.**

Song Leader – James Richards  
Pianist – Kathy Treybig  
Sermonette – James Ellis  
Sermon – Ken Treybig

### Phone Hookup:

Dial-in Number: **605-472-5473**  
Participant Code: **130095**

### General Announcements

#### Return to Services

We were very excited to be able to meet in person in the East Texas congregation the last two Sabbaths. Things went very smoothly, and we had plenty of room to fellowship while maintaining social distancing when needed. Thank you to everyone for helping make this transition run smoothly.

Remember the hymnals are put away so if you want to use a hymnal, please bring your own. We will **not** have snacks or offer water, tea, or coffee.

If you are not feeling well, as has always been our request, please do not come. Services will still be webcast, or you can tune in via the phone hookup.

#### HQ MEMBER GUIDELINES

Dear Brethren,

We are very encouraged that a growing number of our COGWA congregations in the

United States have begun in-person Sabbath services for the first time in many months. What a wonderful blessing—one for which we thank God!

However, along with the blessing of meeting together for services also comes our responsibilities during this period of pandemic.

We want to remind each member of our collective duty as God's people when we come together on the weekly Sabbath to worship God and see one another. In the guidelines for returning to services (which your pastor shared with you), we gave everyone the choice of whether or not to wear a face covering to services, and noted the CDC recommends churches encourage their use. However, we also asked everyone (regardless of whether or not he or she wears a face covering) to be aware of two other responsibilities:

The first is regarding symptoms of illness. While we have always asked our members to not attend services if they show symptoms of any sickness, it is imperative during this time that you simply stay home if anyone in your family is symptomatic of illness—particularly those symptoms associated with COVID-19.

The second is the responsibility to practice the 6-foot social distancing at services, as most

authorities agree that this is the most effective protocol for mitigating any possible spread.

However remote we may believe our chances of contracting COVID-19 might be, it is important and appropriate that we remember and fulfill these personal responsibilities when attending services in the weeks ahead.

We fully understand the urge to hug, shake hands and have closer contact with one another at services—it's a natural desire in such a situation! However, we ask everyone to honor the need to keep that 6-foot social distance between each other and families while at your local Sabbath service.

As we do our best to comply and work together during these unique times, we will better ensure a safer and less stressful environment for all of our brethren. We look forward to the day in the future when these temporary restrictions will be lifted.

May you all have a wonderful Sabbath day!

#### Google Form

Each week the google form will be emailed out asking you to fill in whether you plan to attend so we can better plan our seating arrangements and ushering responsibilities to stay within the state guidelines for church services.

#### 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

Please be sure to watch for an email each week with the link **and respond ASAP** or at least by Wednesday, which is a big help to our ushers.

### **Ruston Services Resuming**

On Friday, June 5, the state of Louisiana entered Phase 2 of opening up. Businesses (including churches) can have up to 50% of the stated occupancy limit for buildings. The guidelines are essentially the same as for Texas—maintain social distancing, wash or sanitize hands on entering the building, bring your personal hymn, no food or drinks will be served, etc.

The Peachtree Room is not available due to another round of remodeling, so we will be in the Snack Room and the hotel will set up the chairs for social distancing. After consulting with the leadership, we set **next Sabbath, June 20**, as the date we will resume services in Ruston. Please be looking for the Google form to be sent to you this week so we can plan our seating arrangements.

### **Deacon/Elder Meeting**

Our next deacon/elder meeting will be at 7 p.m. on June 23 at the Church hall where we have plenty of room to space ourselves out. Please remember to mark your calendar.