

# Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

## Announcements • August 15, 2020

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 8:06 p.m. (ET), 7:57 p.m. (R)

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

Song Leader – John Flynn

Pianist – MP3s

Sermonette – John Trotter

Sermon – Clyde Kilough

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

Song Leader – Dan Pierce

Pianist – Johna Barnette

Split Sermon – Rod Gehrke

Split Sermon – Johnny Callender

### General Announcements

#### Services

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.

#### Friday Night Live

The next Friday Night Live will be this Friday night, August 21, at 7 p.m. Central time. The title is “Satan—Is this Character REAL?” It will be presented by Mr. Doug Horchak.

#### Deacon/Elder Meeting

As a reminder, the next deacon/elder meeting will be on Tuesday night, Sept. 1, at 7 p.m. in our church hall.

#### Feast 2020 Survey

The year 2020 has been a tremendous challenge that none of us could have foreseen. The impact of the pandemic has presented us with obstacles we never could have imagined. However, with God’s help, we’ve been able to meet those challenges and move forward.

Now, with less than eight weeks until the Feast of Tabernacles, we’ve come to understand that none of the Feast sites outside of the United States will be able to host American members this year. Those brethren from the U.S. who have registered for the Caribbean; France; Quebec; Victoria, B.C.; the U.K.; South Africa; the Philippines; Australia; New Zealand; and other international site will need to change their plans.

It also looks as if all of our Latin American sites will only be able to host the Feast for brethren from their own countries—tourists from outside will not be allowed.

We are preparing all of our sites to make the necessary changes and adjustments to hall attendance and meeting protocols, as required by state and local COVID-19 orders. Yet we realize that some of our brethren within the United States are wanting to reduce their domestic travel, as well.

Because of these changes in international travel and restrictions within the United States, we know that many of you are having to change your Feast travel plans for 2020. As a result, we **need your assistance** so that we can provide the safest environment for God’s people to keep the Feast this year.

On **Sunday, Aug. 16, an email** will be sent to all U.S. members who have registered for the Feast. The email will include a link to a three-question survey for you to confirm your plans for observing the Feast this year. We ask that all members complete the survey before midnight, Wednesday, Aug. 19.

One of the questions you will be asked is whether, due to concerns about travel, etc., you and your family now desire to attend your local assigned site. Please know that even if your local assigned site is currently “closed,” you still can choose that option.

Since the impacts of the COVID-19 virus have been changing from week to week, we are doing our very best to prepare for keeping the Feast at the 11 regular and satellite sites throughout the U.S. The plan for keeping the Feast at these various sites includes the component of offering live webcasting of services for days when members may not be able to attend in person.

#### 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

It is very important that each member/registrant complete this survey. The data generated from this email survey will provide needed information to ensure our members have seating available when they attend in-person services. Therefore, as a registered Feast attendee, it is imperative that you fill out this survey when you receive it.

Because we will need this information very soon, we ask that you complete the survey by **no later than Wednesday, Aug. 19.**

Thank you very much for your kind help.