

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • May 15, 2021

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 8:10 p.m. (ET), 8:01 p.m. (R)

Sabbath Services

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

Song Leader – Scott Fulgham
Pianist – Melissa Fulgham
Sermonette – Rod Gehrke
Sermon – Steve McNeely

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

Song Leader – John Ivey
Pianist – Johna Barnette
Sermonette – In Accord
Sermon – Ken Treybig

Pentecost Services

East Texas – 2:30 p.m.

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

Ruston – 1 p.m.

Song Leader – Steve Barnette
Pianist – Johna Barnette
Sermonette – Chris Teague
Sermon – Scott Hammer

General Announcements

Holy Day Offerings

For safety reasons, and because of regulations in a number of locations, it is our plan to handle the holy day offerings for Pentecost as we did the holy days last fall. We will not physically collect the holy day offering as we have in previous years. Instead, members can give their holy day offering using one of the following options:

Donate at members.cogwa.org/donate/ via eCheck or credit card. Please

choose the holy day (“Pentecost Offering”) from the drop-down menu.

Donate by check (bill pay or personal check). Please note the holy day on the “memo” line and mail to:

COGWA
P.O. Box 731480
Dallas, TX 75373-1480

Donate at services. If you desire to donate at services, you can do so by placing your offering in the donation box that will be on the information table before and after services on the holy day. Please use your blue envelope with your name and address on the outside.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during these unusual and difficult times. If you have any questions, please email us at donation.help@cogwa.org.

Festival Registration

If you have not registered for the Feast this year, please do so as soon as possible.

Camp Applications

Camp applications are coming in nicely with over 600 as of the middle of this week. The Camp Lone Star deadline has passed, but if you would like to apply for a remaining camp, simply go to the website (camps.cogwa.org/) and click the “Apply” button on the navigation bar at the top of the page.

Elders – Here to serve you

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We had to start accepting applications without the signed waiver documents. The camp directors will send you a link soon for the waiver packet and an electronic signature. Be sure to complete that step when you receive the email with the link. The directors will need that electronically signed document before they can actually accept anyone, but having the applications now will allow them to start firming up their plans for a wonderful camp season this year!

COVID restrictions are changing and late last month the camp team made a number of changes to how we plan to help ensure no one comes to camp with the virus. Please check out the gray box on the top of our COVID page on the camp website at <https://camps.cogwa.org/covid/>.

Feast Housing

Early Feast housing opens this Monday, May 17, at **10 a.m. in the TIME ZONE of the SITE** you are attending. Regular Feast Housing will open the following week, Monday, May 24.

“Friday Night Live”

Mr. Andy Burnett will present the next “Friday Night Live” Bible study Friday night, May 21. The title is “Pushing the Reset Button” To connect, go to <http://members.cogwa.org/fnl/>.

Graduating High School Seniors, WE NEED YOUR BIOS!

We would like to feature all of our high school graduates in the July/August *One Accord*.

Please provide the following information for your bio (no more than 200 words), plus a quality, high-resolution photo by **June 1**.

Graduate's name
Parents' or guardians' names
Congregation and pastor's name
High school accomplishments.
Church activities/hobbies/interests.

Plans after graduation

Also include a phone number and email address we may use to contact you if need be. Please give your bio and photo (conforming to biblical standards of dress and hair length) **to your congregation's reporter or pastor by June 1**. Please keep all bios within a 200-word limit.

College graduates, please provide a bio—200-word maximum in a general-announcement format—plus a quality, high-resolution photo by **June 1**.

Thank you!

Volunteering to Serve at the Feast

Members can now sign up to serve at the Feast. We deeply appreciate all who have volunteered to serve at the Feast in the past since we rely heavily on volunteers to help make each Feast site run smoothly for everyone.

Go to your account in the COGWA Portal, click on the “gear” icon by your Feast registration, and then click on the orange button for service and music. Click inside the large box for service and/or for music to get a list of items you can sign up for. Please be patient after clicking as it sometimes takes a few seconds for the lists to appear. Each

type of service or music you add will open another set of options below the large box. When you have entered all your information be sure to click on the green “Update Service & Music” button to save your selections. Simply close the browser window once the information is updated. You can go back to modify your information at any time and that data will stay in the system for next year.

We thank you all in advance for your service at the Feast of Tabernacles!

Limited Openings Available for FI Educational Tour of Israel in 2022

Foundation Institute had planned to sponsor a bilingual (English and Spanish) educational tour of Israel in June 2021. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we made the difficult decision to postpone the trip one year (to June 2022). Though the majority of those who signed up for the 2021 trip decided to participate in the rescheduled 2022 trip, some needed to withdraw. This has opened up approximately 12 spaces on the English bus and 11 spots on the Spanish bus.

We now plan to conduct the trip from May 31 to June 7, 2022. This will also allow us to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost in Jerusalem.

The trip will follow a similar itinerary to that of our past educational tours, starting in the northern part of Israel and ending in the city of Jerusalem. The trip will include visits to:

Caesarea, Megiddo and Mount Carmel.

The Sea of Galilee and northern Israel—Mount of the Beatitudes, Nazareth and Tel Dan.

The Jordan Valley—Beth Shean, Qumran, Masada.

Jerusalem—Temple Mount, City of David, Hezekiah's Tunnel, Western Wall, Golgotha and the Garden Tomb, Yad Vashem, etc.

We will tour on air-conditioned coaches with professional Israeli guides and historians. There will also be on-site lectures from FI instructors and ministers, as well as services in Jerusalem on the Sabbath and Pentecost.

Since we only have a few openings, we anticipate receiving more applications than we can accommodate, and we want to be as fair as possible to everyone. Therefore, after giving everyone a few days to apply, we will use an electronic lottery system to select who will have the opportunity to join the group and who will be put on a waiting list.

Refer to the attached fact sheet for more information about the trip and about how to register for these available spots.

We hope you will consider joining us for this exciting opportunity!

David Johnson and Erik Jones