

# Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

## Announcements • May 22, 2021

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 8:15 p.m. (ET), 8:06 p.m. (R)

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

Song Leader – Scott Fulgham  
Pianist – Melissa Fulgham  
Sermonette – John Flynn  
Sermon – Admin Sermon

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

Song Leader – Johnny Callender  
Pianist – Johna Barnette  
Sermonette – Steve Barnette  
Sermon – Admin Sermon

### **General Announcements**

#### **Snacks**

Next Sabbath, May 21, is the next day for snacks after services. As previously announced, we are providing pre-packaged items that will be served along with bottled water and a few other drinks in the Snack Room. Please take only one item from each type.

#### **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 nearly 700 as of the late 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/](http://camps.cogwa.org/)) and click the “Apply” button on the navigation bar at the top of the page.

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 opened this past Monday. Regular Feast Housing will open this Monday, May 24.

#### **Volunteering to Serve at the Feast**

Members can 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.

#### **Elders – Here to serve you**

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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