

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • June 26, 2021

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 8:31 p.m. (ET), 8:22 p.m. (R)

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

Song Leader – James Richards

Pianist – Kathy Treybig

Sermonette – James Ellis

Sermon – Ken Treybig

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

Song Leader – Dan Pierce

Pianist – MP3s

Split Sermon – Chris Teague

Split Sermon – Rod Gehrke

General Announcements

Snacks

Today is the day for snacks after services for both Ruston and East Texas! 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.

Church Fundraiser

Those of you who are interested in donating items or setting up a booth at the upcoming garage sale on July 15-16 to raise funds for our local Church, please contact Rochelle Boyce at 903-636-5656.

Summer Camps

This weekend all of our preteen camps will finish except for Camp Arrowhead, which runs in Ohio the first week of August. The camps have gone

well so far and we deeply appreciate your prayers for God's blessing and protection.

Camp Athens (Texas) Teen Camp: Lifeguard and Male Counselors Needed!

Camp runs this year from Sunday, Aug. 1 to Sunday, Aug. 8. We still have three counselor/assistant counselor slots to fill for our boys' dorms, and we would gladly welcome another certified lifeguard. If you are willing to serve in one of these areas, please apply right away or contact me: 214.548.4902 or andy.burnett@cogwa.org. By the way, we are still accepting applications for camper and staff positions! Thank you. -A. Burnett

Festival Assistance Application

Each year many faithful brethren donate extra funds from their Festival tithe so that other needy members can receive the financial assistance they need to attend the Feast of Tabernacles. Last year these generous contributions enabled nearly 125 people to attend the Feast who would have been unable to attend otherwise. The Church recognizes its responsibility to see that those contributions are distributed fairly and equitably.

If you have no tithable income or if you have faithfully saved

your Festival tithe and will still not have sufficient funds to attend the Feast this year, we will be happy to help where we can. If you think you will need additional funds to be able to attend the Feast this fall, please contact our local Festival adviser, Tom Moffitt in East Texas, Chris Teague in Ruston, or your pastor to get a Festival Assistance Member Information form. Complete the form and return it to your pastor or Festival adviser as soon as possible. (All information on the form will be treated as confidential.)

Ministerial Services has asked us to have all assistance applications turned in by June 27, so please pick up the form and return it to your congregation's Festival adviser or your pastor as quickly as possible.

Again, Festival financial assistance is available for those who do not have a tithable income and for those who do not have adequate funds to attend the Feast even though they have faithfully saved their Festival tithe.

Excess Festival Tithe

Through the years many of us have seen and experienced a variety of ways in which God has fulfilled His promises to bless those who faithfully tithe. While some members have little or no tithable income, the generosity

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of their spiritual brothers and sisters has enabled hundreds to share in the blessings of the Feast of Tabernacles each year. On their behalf, we wish to extend a warm “thank you!” to those who have shared their abundance.

We are once again approaching the time when we will need to provide financial assistance to those brethren who would be unable to attend the Feast without help. Government regulations permit charitable organizations to provide a modest amount of financial aid to those in need so they can share in this kind of religious activity. Therefore, we have established policies and procedures that allow the Church to legally, fairly and equitably provide this special benefit to members who qualify.

To accomplish this, we are now ready to ask those who wish to contribute their excess Festival tithe (to be used to help their brethren attend the Feast) to begin sending in those funds. You may include those funds with regular tithes and offerings if you wish—just be sure to indicate how much you are designating for this special purpose.

Thank you in advance from the many who will be able to enjoy the Feast of Tabernacles this year as a result of your generosity in sharing the blessings God has given you.

Tithe of the Tithe

Years ago the Church of God established a custom of asking members to voluntarily contribute a tenth of their Festival tithe—known as a “tithe of the tithe”—to the Church to cover the many expenses incurred in providing so much of what we

enjoy at the Feast. These expenses include hall rent, office equipment, audio and video equipment, decorations, activities, etc. Since all of us benefit from these items, it seems appropriate that we all contribute a portion of the Festival tithe we have saved to meet those expenses. If you are unable to contribute a full tenth of your Festival tithe but would still like to help, all such contributions will still be appreciated.

If you send a contribution to help meet these Feast expenses, please label it “tithe of the tithe” so we will know your intent. You may include those funds with regular tithes and offerings if you wish—just clearly indicate how much you are designating for this purpose.

Again, we thank you for your generosity in helping to make the Feast special for all of us.