

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • July 3, 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 – Scott Fulgham

Pianist – Melissa Fulgham

Sermonette – John Flynn

Sermon – John Trotter

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

Song Leader – Johnny Callender

Pianist – Johna Barnette

Sermonette – Rod Gehrke

Sermon – James Ellis

General Announcements

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

Last weekend all of our preteen camps finished except for Camp Arrowhead, which runs in Ohio the first week of August. The camps have gone well so far, despite some cases of COVID after Camp Lone Star with mostly mild symptoms, and we deeply appreciate your prayers for God's blessing and protection on our remaining camps for this summer (mainly the longer teen camps), as well as for Winter Camp at the end of December.

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 two 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

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 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

Elders – Here to serve you

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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.

Feast of Tabernacles—We NEED Volunteers!

Are you excited to serve this year at God’s Feast of Tabernacles? We are looking for more volunteers for all areas at all Festival sites. If you have yet to volunteer, we ask that you please take a moment as soon as possible to follow the steps below. We appreciate your service—it makes the Feast go so much smoother.

Please go to your COGWA portal at <https://portal.cogwa.org> and sign in with your username and password.

To volunteer for all areas except music service, select the gear button next to your Feast registration info then:

- Select the orange “Volunteer for Service & Music” button
- On the “Service Area & Music Volunteering” page, click on “Edit” next to your name.

- Under the “Service Area 1” select the area you wish to volunteer for and then provide information about how you’ve served in this area for prior Feasts.

- You can select up to three service areas.

To volunteer for music service:

- Select the orange “Volunteer for Service & Music” button.

- On the “Service Area & Music Volunteering” page, click on “Edit” next to your name.

- Under Music Service, click in the gray box that says “Click here to select talents.”

- Choose your musical volunteer section (e.g. “Vocalist” = Choir).

- Choose your singing range.

- Select any other music opportunities you may wish to help in.

After you have finished, select the green “Update Service & Music” button at the bottom of the page.

Thank you again for finding the time to do this now. It greatly helps those organizing the Feast.