

# Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

## Announcements • September 4, 2021

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### Sabbath Services

#### East Texas – 2:30 p.m.

Song Leader – Ken Treybig

Pianist – Kathy Treybig

Sermonette – Rod Gehrke

Sermon – Clyde Kilough

#### Ruston – 1 p.m.

Song Leader – John Ivey

Pianist – Johna Barnette

Sermonette – Johnny Callender

Sermon – Steve McNeely

### Feast of Trumpets Services

#### East Texas – 10:30 a.m.

Song Leader – Mark Benton

Pianist – Kathy Treybig

Sermonette – John Flynn

Sermon – Ken Treybig

#### Ruston – 10:30 a.m.

Song Leader – Johnny Callender

Pianist – Johna Barnette

Sermonette – Video

Sermon – John Trotter

#### East Texas – 2:30 p.m.

Song Leader – Ken Treybig

Pianist – Kathy Treybig

Sermonette – James Ellis

Sermon – Scott Hammer

#### Ruston – 2:30 p.m.

Song Leader – John Ivey

Pianist – Johna Barnette

Sermonette – Steve Barnette

Sermon – Video

### General Announcements

#### Feast of Trumpets

Feast of Trumpets will be Tues., Sept. 7, at our normal locations, and we will have two services—10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. There will be no potluck

meal between services, but you are welcome to bring your own picnic lunch if you prefer that over going out to eat.

#### Collection of Holy Day Offerings

From Britton Taylor, Treasurer:

Update on collection of holy day offerings for the upcoming fall festivals:

In consultation with the president and the administration, we have decided to return to our old way of collecting the holy day offerings—the method the Church used for the past many decades. We will collect the offering at the various Feast of Tabernacles sites by passing the offertory baskets. We will do the same in our local congregations for the Feast of Trumpets and Day of Atonement.

For many decades the Church has quoted Deuteronomy 16:16 to encourage the giving of an offering at services. While during the worst of the pandemic, we were unable to physically pass a basket for health reasons, we realize most brethren still prefer to give their offering in person on the holy day.

Unless things change, it is our plan to collect holy day offerings in person at the various Feast sites and in our local congregations. The option to give one's holy day offering online is also

available to anyone who would prefer that method.

As always, the Church deeply appreciates the holy day offerings given by the members and ministry.

#### Atonement

Atonement is Thurs., Sept. 16. East Texas will meet at 2:30 p.m. and Ruston will meet at 1 p.m., both at their regular locations.

#### Feast Children's Choir

The information about this year's songs for the Children's Choir at US Feast sites was emailed to everyone. If you didn't get the information, or if you need help downloading the files, please contact James or Scarlet Ellis.

#### Branson Choir

If anyone would like to sing in the Feast Choir in Branson and haven't signed up yet, please email your name, email address, and part you sing to Richard Kmodras at [itallmakesaperfectsense@gmail.com](mailto:itallmakesaperfectsense@gmail.com).

#### Hawaii Feast Announcement

From David Register, Hawaii Feast Coordinator:

We continue to plan for all our Feast sites in the U.S., including Hawaii. There seems to be some confusion regarding recent

#### Elders – Here to serve you

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COVID-19 mandates announced by Hawaii's governor.

Currently, none of the mandates and restrictions will prevent us from having a wonderful and enjoyable Feast in Hawaii. There is no required quarantine for U.S. travelers who either have been fully vaccinated or provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test. All travelers are required to go to the State of Hawaii Safe Travels site ([travel.hawaii.gov/](https://travel.hawaii.gov/)) and register for their trip. Proof of vaccination or proof of a negative COVID-19 test three days before travel is required.

The only reinstated mandates that apply to our meetings and activities at the Fairmont Orchid Hotel are social distancing and face coverings. We are working with the hotel on implementing these restrictions, which may allow in-person meetings only every other day, with livestream service webcasts on other days. However, all catered activities, including buffet dinners and luncheons, can be held outside, as we have planned.

More information and details will soon be emailed to those registered for Hawaii.

Please continue to pray for all our Feast sites and for the planning for our meetings and activities in these increasingly challenging times.

### **Local Histories**

We would like to publish either a bi-monthly or quarterly newsletter featuring each of you with a short life story and how and when God called you. We know that many of you have exciting stories to tell about your calling!

We ask that the maximum word count be not more than 500

or we will have autobiographies instead!

When you write up your story, please send it to Mrs. Judy McNeely at [judithswanson3@gmail.com](mailto:judithswanson3@gmail.com) for editing and the final edit will be by Mr. Treybig.

Details will come later. We hope to be able to publish the first one sometime after the Feast! Depending, of course, on how soon we begin collecting them!

### **Winter Family Weekend— Save the Date:**

Save the date for the 2021 Winter Family Weekend! This year's Winter Family Weekend will run from Friday evening, Dec. 24, through Tuesday, Dec. 28, and will once again be held at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky, which has just completed a full renovation.

For your planning purposes, the hotel room rate per night will be \$82 plus tax. More information regarding registration and activities will be announced following the Feast of Tabernacles.

This year's theme is "Armor Up!" A good Christian soldier needs all the protection he or she can have! As we go into battle against the seductions of this world, the wiles of the devil and our own human nature, God provides us with armor to protect and shield us. That's why this year's theme is based on Ephesians 6:11, which instructs us to "put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

Make plans to attend this year's Winter Family Weekend to learn more about the amazing protection that God affords His

people and to enjoy time with your fellow brethren!

### **Addition to This Year's Winter Family Weekend in Louisville, Kentucky:**

On Sunday night, Dec. 26, an evening of live music is being planned for all to enjoy in the Galt House Grand Ballroom. Many have enjoyed participating in or listening to the "jam sessions" that have taken place at previous WFW events, but this year we are stepping it up!

If you have a band and would like to play a 30-minute set, or perhaps a 60- to 70-minute set, we're looking for you. Unlike a "jam session," this is an opportunity for bands to play a predetermined set.

If you and your bandmates would enjoy the opportunity to entertain an eager crowd of listeners, please contact Mark Winner no later than Oct. 15, 2021. There is limited play time that evening, so the first three bands to contact Mr. Winner will be given the opportunity to play. Should there be enough time (after talking to each band about their playlist), a fourth band may be considered to join the evening's list.

Please direct band-related questions to Mr. Winner at [mark.winner@cogwa.org](mailto:mark.winner@cogwa.org).