Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston Announcements • November 13, 2021

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Web sites: http://cogwa.org, http://easttexas.cogwa.org Friday Sunset: 5:21 p.m. (ET), 5:12 p.m. (R)

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

Song Leader – Scott Fulgham Pianist – Melissa Fulgham Sermonette – John Trotter Sermon – David Evans

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

Song Leader – John Ivey Pianist – Johna Barnette Sermonette – Steve Barnette Sermon – Steve McNeely

General Announcements Sabbath School

Our first Sabbath school class will be **today** during the sermonette. Please send your children to the classroom before the first hymn.

Men's Leadership Club

The next Men's Club meeting will be about an hour after services **today**.

Craft and Fellowship

Jewelry making is **tonight** in the classroom. Remember to bring round nose or needle nose pliers. If you haven't already been assigned an item to bring, please bring finger foods.

Volleyball Practices

Volleyball practice is tomorrow at the Big Sandy Junior High gym from 9 a.m. to noon. This year we will only have one regional volleyball weekend. It

will be in Houston on the weekend of Dec. 11-12.

Phone Hookup of Services

Please note this change in our dial-in number for our phone hookup to services that will take place on **Tuesday**, **11/16**. The new number is **667-770-1523**. The access code is 867195.

"Friday Night Live"

Mr. Zach Smith will present the next "Friday Night Live" Bible study Friday night, Nov. 19. The title is "Thanksgiving Outside the Box." To connect, go to http://members.cogwa.org/fnl/.

Winter Camp

We are moving forward with plans to hold our teen Winter Camp over the winter break. You'll find more information and can apply at camps.cogwa.org. The camper deadline is Nov. 15.

To decrease the possibility of spreading the COVID-19 virus, we are requesting that participants **not** attend the Winter Family Weekend prior to coming to Winter Camp this year. And, regardless of vaccination or immunity status, we are asking <u>all</u> participants to test negative for COVID-19 prior to arriving at camp.

Finally, please **do not** purchase non-refundable airline

tickets until you are notified to go ahead and do so.

We look forward to seeing you at Winter Camp!

2022 Calendars

The 2022 "God's Creation" calendars are available at Granary locations.

This year we have the wall calendars, and we're selling them for \$8.00, the same price as last year. Proceeds will go to our Local Activity Fund.

Winter Family Weekend

We hope you will make plans to join us for this year's Winter Family Weekend at the newly renovated Galt House Hotel and Conference Center in Louisville, Kentucky!

This year's event will run from Friday evening, Dec. 24, through Tuesday evening, Dec. 28, and will feature plenty of fellowship time and opportunities to gain some godly knowledge on how to "Armor Up!" and to burn some energy by participating in many of the activities you have come to enjoy at the WFW over the years—and some new ones too!

The Church is aware of the concerns surrounding COVID-19, and we are doing what we can to minimize any potential spread at the Winter Family Weekend. In order to reduce the potential spread of COVID-19,

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we are asking every member aged 12 and up (regardless of vaccination or immunity status) to obtain a negative PCR test within four days of arriving at the Winter Family Weekend and to bring a printed or digital copy of the results for verification upon check-in. Face coverings will not be required, but anyone desiring to wear a face covering is encouraged to do so. Additionally, we will offer socially distanced seating for Bible study, Sabbath services, Sabbath morning seminars and all continuing education classes. While we realize protocols can sometimes be daunting, we do truly appreciate your willingness to follow the protocols to help ensure a safer environment for all attending.

Now to address the question many have been asking: Will we have sports?

Yes! Due to the high-contact nature of basketball, we will not have traditional basketball tournaments this year. At this time, we are still planning to have low-contact sports, such as the volleyball tournaments and volleyball clinics, as well as the addition of three-point tournaments, H-O-R-S-E tournaments (with cash prizes!) and pickleball. Options for play will be available for both genders and a wide range of ages.

Registration has been delayed, but hopefully will open soon. Shortly after you register, you should receive a confirmation email that will also contain some helpful documents as well as a link to book your hotel room at the Galt House Hotel. Additionally, the hotel reservation link will be made available on the WFW website once registration opens.

For a list of the activities being planned and information on how to register for the Winter Family Weekend, please refer to the WFW Fact Sheet or visit the WFW website at members.cogwa.org/wfw/.

We look forward to seeing you there!