

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • May 14, 2022

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 8:09 p.m. (ET), 8 p.m. (R)

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

Song Leader – John Flynn

Pianist – MP3s

Sermonette – Rod Gehrke

Sermon – Admin Sermon

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

Song Leader – John Ivey

Pianist – Johna Barnette

Sermonette – Chris Teague

Sermon – Ken Treybig

General Announcements

Sabbath School

Sabbath School will meet **today** during the sermonette. Please send your children to the classroom before the first hymn.

Snacks

We have begun having snacks again after services every Sabbath. This week members with last names beginning with N through Z are asked to bring snacks. Water and coffee will be provided by the Church.

Garage Sale

May 19-20 are the dates for the next garage sale. If you can help or if you have something you can donate, please contact Rochelle Boyce ASAP. That date will be here soon!!

Festival Transfer Registration

Registration for all members requesting a transfer to a Feast site

other than their assigned site will open **tomorrow, Sunday**. After you've registered, you will receive notification by no later than Thursday, May 19, either that your transfer has been accepted or that you need to register for another site.

We anticipate some sites being quite popular and filling up quickly, as is typically the case each year. In an effort to remove stress when registering, as well as make it as fair as possible, we have decided to move away from a "first come, first served" basis. In sites that have more transfer requests than there is room, the site coordinator will use an automated selection system to fill all slots beginning Tuesday, May 17. That means all members will have 48 hours to register for the site they would like to attend. Then, within 48 hours after that (May 19), you will receive notification of whether you have been accepted or will need to register for another site.

Please note:

- If you register for a site that ends up with more people requesting transfers than there is room to accept, we will give preference to those who have not attended that particular site the previous two years.
- While we cannot accommodate various friends or families that desire to attend the same site, if members actually need to attend

with extended family or are needing to share a room with another member, please be sure to fill in the "Names in your group" box when registering with the names of your roommate or all extended family members that need to attend together. By doing so, if one family member's name is drawn, we will attempt to accept all the extended family members whose names were grouped together. Note that even if someone is listed in the "Names in your group" box, ALL individual households must register.

As mentioned previously, all members will receive notification of being accepted to their transfer site request no later than Thursday, May 19.

International travel registration

If you would like to register for an overseas site, please be aware that there is an extra step to your registration process. First, please select your site from the drop-down listing at the portal. Then, after you've finished your registration online, please go to feast.cogwa.org for further instructions for the site that you selected. Most international sites will ask you to contact the Festival coordinator for that site.

Greece FOT Announcement

For three years now we have been trying to hold the Feast in

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Greece. Sadly, shortly after signing a contract to keep the Feast in Greece, the world was besieged with the COVID-19 pandemic. Although we were hopeful, we would be able to keep the Feast there in 2020, it became evident we could not. This continued to hold true for 2021.

We worked with the resort to hold it this year, and we hoped all would go smoothly. However, each time things looked as though everything would work out, we hit another hurdle. In April the Greek health minister shared with the country that they would remove all vaccination requirements for groups to meet together and to eat in restaurants during the summer travel season—specifically from May 1 through September—with the intent to revisit possible restrictions beginning Oct. 1.

In short, we have no guarantees that vaccination and mask restrictions will not be back in place come October. Obviously, that is not helpful to us, as the Feast is not until October. Rather than continue to play the “what if” game in hopes that everything will remain open, we have agreed to cancel our contract. Please be sure to register to attend another site for the 2022 Feast.

“Friday Night Live”

Mr. Andy Burnett will present the next “Friday Night Live” Bible study Friday night, May 20. The title is “What Is Your Answer to This Simple Question?” To connect, go to <http://members.cogwa.org/fnl/>.

Men’s Club

The Men’s Club end-of-year Ladies’ Night will be after services next Sabbath, May 21, about an hour after services.

Picnic – Lake Hawkins

There will be a Church picnic at the Lake Hawkins Park pavilion on Sunday, May 22, from noon to 5 p.m. Brisket and drinks will be provided with Toby and Jean Shipman cooking the brisket. Please bring the rest of the meal items as a potluck. Tentative plans are being made for some water activities. Please contact Toby or Jean if you have any questions.

Foundation Institute Continuing Education

We’re back! After a three-year hiatus because of the coronavirus, Foundation Institute, Center for Biblical Education, is happy to announce the first two summer Continuing Education sessions since 2019.

The two weeklong sessions will be held in the Foundation Institute classroom at the Church’s headquarters office in McKinney, Texas. We will have capacity for 36 students in each of the two sessions.

These two sessions will be held July 18 to 22 and July 25 to 29, 2022. Classes will be taught by Foundation Institute instructors David Johnson and Ralph Levy, as well as other ministers from the headquarters office. Some 29 hours of Bible instruction will be taught. Details about class offerings are not confirmed yet, but will be announced in due time. Class offerings may not be identical between the two seminars, but for the sake of space, we request that students sign up for only one of the two sessions.

The tuition for each session is \$75 per person or \$125 for a married couple. The fee will cover administrative costs for the program and a light lunch each day.

Registration has already opened. You may sign up as a student by going to the Foundation

Institute website (foundationinstitute.org), selecting “Continuing Education,” and clicking on the “Register Now” button that will appear near the bottom of the page. Those accepted will receive a confirmation email and further details about the program. Information about local housing will also be sent to those accepted for one of the seminars.

We look forward to seeing you here in Texas, for our first summer Continuing Education seminars in three years. As they say here in Texas, *y’all come!*

Foundation Institute

We are currently reviewing our first round of applications for next year’s Foundation Institute class. The deadline for regular applications—May 31—is rapidly approaching. Those who would like to be considered for next year’s class need to submit their applications as soon as possible. Go to the Foundation Institute website (foundationinstitute.org) and select the “Apply Now” tab. This will enable you to submit an application online or to download an application to be submitted by mail. The sooner you submit your application, the sooner you can begin planning for an exciting year of personal growth and learning.