

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • May 21, 2022

Ken Treybig, Pastor

Phone: 903-714-3684

Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 8:14 p.m. (ET), 8:05 p.m. (R)

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

Song Leader – Scott Fulgham

Pianist – Melissa Fulgham

Sermonette – James Richards

Sermon – Ken Treybig

Ruston: Fairfield Inn, Ruston– 1 p.m.

Song Leader – Johnny Callender

Pianist – Johna Barnette

Sermonette – Steve Barnette

Sermon – John Trotter

General Announcements

Ruston Services

Today Ruston will meet in the Hansen Room of the **Fairfield Inn**, just across the parking lot from the Country Inn & Suites, at 1 p.m.

Snacks

This week members with last names beginning with A through M are asked to bring snacks. Water and coffee will be provided by the Church.

Men's Club

The Men's Club end-of-year Ladies' Night will be after services **today** about an hour after services.

Picnic – Lake Hawkins

There will be a Church picnic at the Lake Hawkins Park pavilion tomorrow, Sunday, 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. Also plan to bring sunscreen, camping chairs, etc. Tentative plans are being made for some water activities. Please contact Toby or Jean if you have any questions.

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 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.

Pentecost Services

Pentecost is on Sunday, June 5. Both locations will have two services at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. East Texas will have a potluck between services.

Elders – Here to serve you

Ken Treybig, Pastor – (903) 714-3684

Scott Hammer – (903) 738-5367

Melton McNeely – (903) 769-3394

James Ellis – (903) 261-1928

Mike Machin – (386) 931-1879

John Trotter – (903) 636-4515

Offerings on the holy days will be taken up as in the past by passing the offering basket. Those wishing to send in their offering via postal service or by donating online may still do so.

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.

Young Adult Leadership Weekend

SAVE THE DATE! We would like to invite our young adults to our next regional Young Adult Leadership Weekend, which will take place over Labor Day weekend—Sept. 3-4, 2022—at six regional locations across the U.S.

The Church considers it essential to invest in the personal growth and leadership development of our young adults to better enable them to use their talents and abilities to serve God

and His Church. We hope to further motivate and inspire our young adults to fulfill leadership roles within the Church as we provide them with opportunities for focused education and interaction with their peers. Those young adults who are single or married—from age 18 (high school grads) through their 30s—are encouraged to attend.

The theme for the weekend will be **"In the World, But Not of the World: Navigating Satan's Alternate Universe."**

There will be a mix of seminars that will be webcast to all locations, as well as local in-person presentations and discussions. The weekend will conclude with a hands-on service project. All aspects of the weekend are designed to inspire and motivate young adults in spiritual service.

Watch for a registration announcement with further information in early June. We hope you will register early and plan to join us for this special weekend! We trust that this will be an outstanding weekend of education and inspiration that you won't want to miss!