

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • July 30, 2022

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 8:21 p.m. (ET), 8:12 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 – Mike Bennett

Ruston: Hampton Inn, Ruston– 1 p.m.

Song Leader – Dan Pierce
Pianist – MP3s
Split Sermon – Video
Split Sermon – Rod Gehrke

General Announcements

Men's Leadership Club

Our first session of Men's Leadership Club will be about an hour after services, Aug. 20. If you're interested in joining club, please put your name on the sign-up list at the Information Center.

We're looking forward to another great year of club!

Summer Camps

Camp Agape (Teen) started on Sunday with 82 campers and 54 staff. They've been having good weather with a few pop-up afternoon showers and a healthy camp overall. Camp ends on Sunday as three other camps begin—Camp Athens (teen) and two preteen camps, Camp Arrowhead and Midwest Preteen Camp.

Please continue praying for God's blessings and protection for all our camps!

Young Adult Leadership Weekend

Attention young adults! We are now just one month away from the start of our Young Adult Leadership Weekend! We'd like to encourage you to register in the next few days so we can properly plan for your attendance.

This year's theme will be "In the World, but Not of the World: Navigating Satan's Alternate Universe." During the weekend, we'll identify specific ways Satan has overturned truth to try to assimilate you into this present, evil world, where evil is labeled as good and lies are presented as truth. We'll then explore what young adults in the Church can do to shine brightly as godly lights living *in* the world, but not being *of* the world.

Please plan to join us for this special weekend! You'll need to register **by this coming Monday, Aug. 1**. Now is the time to register online at members.cogwa.org/yalw for one of our six locations: Atlanta, Georgia; Bentonville, Arkansas; Cincinnati, Ohio; Fort Worth, Texas; Lodi, California; and the Twin Cities, Minnesota. You

will find additional information on the unique activities planned for each location on the website.

Don't miss this weekend of inspiration, encouragement and leadership development. Plan now to attend YALW 2022! Just visit members.cogwa.org/yalw to register.

Feast of Tabernacles Singers

We'd like to encourage those who can sing to participate in the Feast choir this year. Each of our U.S. sites will have a live choir (after two years off due to coronavirus restrictions), and we'd like to encourage as many as possible to serve in this way. If you'd like to add your voice to the choir, just go to your COGWA portal at portal.cogwa.org, click on your Feast registration, update your volunteer status and save your changes by clicking on the "Update Service & Music" button. The choir director for your Feast site will contact you shortly thereafter. This is a wonderful way to serve your brethren during the Feast!

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

Elders – Here to serve you

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some members have limited 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.

It would be helpful if those who wish to contribute excess Festival tithe to help their brethren attend the Feast can begin to send in those funds. You may include any contributions with your regular tithes and offerings if you wish—just be sure to indicate how much you wish to designate for this special purpose.

Thank you in advance on behalf of 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—referred to 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 supplies, audio and video 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 are 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 wish to designate for this purpose.

Again, we thank you for your generosity in helping to make the Feast special for all of us.