

# Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

## Announcements • August 8, 2022

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 8:15 p.m. (ET), 8:06 p.m. (R)

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

Song Leader – John Flynn

Pianist – MP3s

Sermonette – James Richards

Sermon – Steve McNeely

### Ruston: Hampton Inn, Ruston– 1 p.m.

Song Leader – Johnny Callender

Pianist – Johna Barnette

Sermonette – Tom Moffitt

Sermon – Melton McNeely

### 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

Two of our preteen camps, Arrowhead and Midwest Preteen, ran this week and had excellent, successful camps. Camp Athens (teen) started on Sunday with 40 campers and 42 staff members.

The weather has been HOT, but there were only two active outdoor classes, which helped, and everyone is reminded frequently to be sure to take lots of water breaks.

Athens ends on Sunday as our final camp of the summer (Heritage in Pennsylvania) begins.

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

#### 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](http://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 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.

#### Elders – Here to serve you

Ken Treybig, Pastor – (903) 714-3684

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## **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.