

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • August 20, 2022

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 8:01 p.m. (ET), 7:52 p.m. (R)

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

Song Leader – Scott Fulgham
Pianist – Melissa Fulgham
Sermonette – Rod Gehrke
Sermon – James Ellis

Ruston: Fairfield Inn, Ruston– 2 p.m.

Song Leader – John Ivey
Pianist – Johna Barnette
Sermonette – In Accord
Sermon – Scott Hammer

General Announcements

Children's Choir Practice

There will be choir practice for the children after services **today**. Please get a snack and come to the Classroom.

Men's Leadership Club

Our first session of Men's Leadership Club will be about an hour after services **today**.

Women's Social Group

All women who are interested in being a part of a women's social group, please join us for our first meeting **today** about an hour after services in the Classroom. We will discuss the particulars of establishing a women's group. Please bring your own dinner to eat during the meeting. We will not have access to the stove/oven.

Farewell Reception

We will host a reception for Rochelle Boyce after services next Sabbath, Aug. 27. As you know, she will soon be moving to College Station. Please bring special hors d'oeuvres to share for this occasion. Since cake and punch will be provided, we ask that your appetizer be a non-desert finger food such as petite sandwiches, cheese and crackers, fruit tray, etc.

Deacon/Elder Meeting

The next deacon/elder meeting will be Tuesday night, Sept. 6, at 7 p.m. in our church hall.

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 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

Elders – Here to serve you

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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.