

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • September 17, 2022

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Friday Sunset: 7:26 p.m. (ET), 7:17 p.m. (R)

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

Song Leader – Scott Fulgham

Pianist – Melissa Fulgham

Sermonette – In Accord

Sermon – James Ellis

Ruston: Holiday Inn Express, Ruston – 1 p.m.

Song Leader – Johnny Callender

Pianist – Johna Barnette

Sermonette – Tom Moffitt

Sermon – Steve McNeely

General Announcements

Choir Practice

There will be choir practice right after services **today**.

Children's Choir Practice

Tomorrow we will have children's choir practice after services. The adult choir will be practicing 10-15 minutes after the end of services, so we will practice when they are finished. Please have your child get their snack right after services so they are ready when practice begins.

Men's Leadership Club

Men's Leadership Club will be about an hour after services next **today**.

Women's Fellowship

Tonight we will have an activity to get to know each other a little better. Please join us in the

back of the Auditorium about an hour after services. We'll enjoy some fun along with a potato bar.

Hawkins Lake Day Social

Come join us **tomorrow** for a day of fun at the pavilion at Lake Hawkins for fellowship, a pot-luck meal, boat rides, tubing and/or water skiing. Things will kick off at 11 a.m. with lunch at 12:30. Paper plates, hot dogs, utensils and drinks will be provided. You bring the rest! Please sign the list at the Information Center if you are interested in coming so we have an idea of how to plan.

Volleyball Practice

Our next volleyball practice of this season for teens and adults will be **Sunday, Sep. 25**, at the Big Sandy Middle School gym from **9-11 a.m.** Anyone interested in playing this year is welcome to join us!

This year we have two regional volleyball weekends scheduled. Austin will be on Nov. 5-6 and Houston will be on Dec. 10-11.

Excused Absence Forms

If you need a form for work or school, please sign the list on the Information Table (one name per line please). We will have

them available for you next Sabbath.

Mystery Dinner Signups

We're about 3 months out from our Mystery Dinner social, but it is time to begin signing up if you wish to participate. It is a cruise ship setting and there is no murder, but a mystery to solve, riddles to unravel, enigmas to untie and puzzles to peruse. Expect the unexpected as we enjoy a meal with segments of action interspersed!

There is a list of attendees that we need everyone to sign if you plan to attend. (This is needed for a table count, so sign with how many are in your family—even if you sign one of the other lists.) There is a list of characters you can sign up for (costumes help but are not mandatory). There is a third list of needed food items to volunteer to contribute.

Take a look at the lists and plan to join us for this unique event designed for all ages!

Holy Day Offerings

This year we plan to once again collect the offering at the various Feast of Tabernacles sites by passing the offertory baskets as has been done in the past. We will do the same in our local congregations for the Feast

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of Trumpets and Day of Atonement.

For many decades the Church has quoted Deuteronomy 16:16 to encourage the giving of an offering at services. We realize most brethren still prefer to give their offering in person on the holy day.

Unless things change, it is our plan to collect holy day offerings in person at the various Feast sites and in our local congregations. The option to give one's holy day offering online is also available to anyone who would prefer that method.

As always, the Church deeply appreciates the holy day offerings given by the members and ministry.

Feast of Trumpets

Feast of Trumpets will be Mon., Sept. 26, at our normal locations, and we will have two services—10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. There will be no potluck meal between services in Ruston, but we will have one in East Texas.

Atonement

Atonement will be Wed., Oct. 5. Each congregation will have one service, as usual, at our normal locations and times. At least we hope Ruston will be back to meeting at Onyx Inn & Suites by then.

Feast Children's Choir

We're looking forward to having children's choirs at the Feast this year! Preparations are once again being made for our children, aged 5 to 12, at each of our U.S. Feast sites this fall. (Some English-speaking international sites may be able to do so as well.) This year the children will be singing a piece composed by

Church member Emily Smith, titled "Stand Up for What Is Right." Many of our preteens have already learned this song at summer camp!

In order to make the process of obtaining a rehearsal recording and lyrics as easy as possible, MP3 rehearsal tracks and PDF copies of the songs are available to all who would like to participate. We are making this information available to everyone in COGWA so you may download the music yourself.

The music is posted on the Feast website, but due to copyright issues, it is password-protected. To download rehearsal tracks and lyrics sheets, go to feast.cogwa.org/childrens-choir/ and enter the password "**FOTmusic2022**" when asked. Please note that the password is case-sensitive, so be sure to type it exactly as given here (without the quotation marks). Once you have logged into the children's choir music page, right-click on each of the files and choose *Save link as ...* or *Save target as ...* to download the MP3 rehearsal tracks and the PDFs of the music.

We have permission from the composer to post these files and allow members who will attend the Feast with us to download and use them. However, we do **not** have permission to forward them to friends or repost them elsewhere. We ask that you only share the password with others planning to attend one of our COGWA Feast sites. Your help in respecting the copyright and royalty rights of the composer is greatly appreciated.

If you have musical questions, please contact Dave Myers at dave.myers@cogwa.org. Tech-

nical questions about downloading and using the files should be directed to Ken Treybig at ken.treybig@cogwa.org. We encourage all children in this age range to participate. Once at the Feast of Tabernacles, listen for announcements regarding when and where the children should meet in order to participate.