

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • November 19, 2022

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 5:18 p.m. (ET), 5:09 p.m. (R)

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

Song Leader – John Flynn
Pianist – Melissa Fulgham
Sermonette – James Richards
Sermon – James Ellis

Ruston: Hampton Inn, Ruston – 1 p.m.

Song Leader – Dan Pierce
Pianist – Johna Barnette
Sermonette – Rod Gehrke
Sermon – Clyde Kilough

General Announcements

Volleyball Practice

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

We will practice again on Dec. 4 then have this year's last regional volleyball weekend in Houston, Dec. 10-11.

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is coming up this Thursday, Nov. 24. We hope everyone has a good Thanksgiving and is able to spend some time with family and friends.

Men's Leadership Club

Our next session of Men's Leadership Club will be about an hour after services Dec. 17.

Women's Fellowship

The ladies will have another meeting after services Dec. 17. Please watch for further announcements.

Mystery Dinner Signups

We're only a few weeks away from our Mystery Dinner social, so if you have not signed up yet and want to participate, please sign now! 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). Several have signed up, but we could use some more. Any words you need to say in the play will be provided for you. 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!

Deacon/Elder Meeting

The next deacon/elder meeting will be Thursday night, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m. in the back of the Auditorium.

Winter Family Weekend

Please make plans to join us for this year's Winter Family Weekend at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky!

This year's event will run from Friday evening, Dec. 23, through Tuesday evening, Dec. 27, and will feature plenty of fellowship time, the opportunity to gain knowledge on how we can "Walk by Faith" and the chance to burn some energy by participating in many of the WFW activities you have come to enjoy over the years—and some new ones too!

Some have asked: Will we have traditional sports? And will there be a dance?

The answer to both questions is YES! Traditional basketball and volleyball, as well as the teen and preteen volleyball clinics, will return this year. In addition, we will have a costume dance for the entire family, as well as additional dancing the evening of the live band performances. So, bust out your best dribbling and volley skills, costumes and dancing shoes!

Elders – Here to serve you

Ken Treybig, Pastor – (903) 714-3684
Scott Hammer – (903) 738-5367
Melton McNeely – (903) 769-6849

James Ellis – (903) 261-1928
Mike Machin – (386) 931-1879
John Trotter – (903) 636-4515

Please register through your COGWA portal as soon as possible.

Shortly after you register, you will receive a confirmation email that will also contain a link to book your hotel room at the Galt House Hotel. The hotel reservation link will also be made available on the WFW web page. This year we have a Dec. 16 deadline for hotel reservations, so don't delay! Please note that WFW and hotel reservations are not the same, and both processes need to be completed.

For a list of the activities being planned and other information about the 2022 Winter Family Weekend, please reference the WFW Fact Sheet or visit the WFW website at members.cogwa.org/wfw.

We look forward to seeing you there!

WFW Churchill Downs and Progressive Dinner

Are you planning to attend the Winter Family Weekend in Louisville this year? If so, please join us for two very special events.

Churchill Downs Tour and Lunch

Join us as we tour Churchill Downs, home of the world-famous Kentucky Derby. The tour will begin with lunch at the Derby Café & Bourbon Bar, located at Churchill Downs. After lunch, we will tour the Churchill Downs Museum and then take a walking tour, where our guide will lead us down to the legendary dirt track of the Kentucky Derby. The tour concludes with a viewing of the epic film *The Greatest Race*, a 360-degree, 18-minute media experience that

will "send your heart racing and emotions soaring."

Tour date: Dec. 26

Tour time: 12 noon to 4:15 p.m.

Cost: \$75 per person (all-inclusive)

Space: Limited to the first 32 people

Progressive Dinner of Louisville

Climb aboard our 32-passenger executive bus and join us for a night of fun, fellowship and food from three of Louisville's most popular food destinations. We will begin this special evening with appetizers at the world-renowned Brown Hotel. The hotel's old-world elegance is the perfect place to start this special evening. Soak in the charm of this unique hotel as you enjoy good conversation and delicious appetizers. A cash bar will be available.

Next, continue the memories with the main course served at locally owned Buck's Restaurant. Experience authentic fine dining in historic old Louisville. The entrées being offered are crispy fish, limoncello chicken, filet mignon and rack of lamb. Each entrée includes a starch and a choice of the wedge or apple orchard salad. A cash bar will be available.

As a final leg of our dinner, the bus will take us to Vincenzo's Italian Restaurant for dessert. Vincenzo's will be a unique and elegant place to end our evening as we enjoy none other than their award-winning tiramisu. A cash bar will be available.

Date: Dec. 26

Time: 5:15 to 9:15 p.m.

Cost: \$160 per person (all-inclusive)

Space: Limited to the first 32 people

WFW Special Music

We are looking forward to the return of the combined teen and young adult choir, as well as the opportunity for several small group or solo pieces, at this year's Winter Family Weekend.

If you would like to participate in the teen and young adult choir (ages 13+), please check the appropriate box on your WFW registration under volunteer opportunities, and the special music coordinator will reach out to you with additional information in the near future.

If you would like to perform a solo piece or in a small group, or if you have any questions relating to special music, please contact the special music coordinator, Braden Ebersole at braden.ebersole@gmail.com.

WFW Pickleball

This year at Winter Family Weekend we will once again provide the opportunity for those interested to play pickleball! If you are an experienced player or would like to learn this fun sport, please contact Andy Burnett and let him know of your interest. You can email or text him at andy.burnett@cogwa.org or 501-213-7575.

WFW Art Show

Calling all artists! It is that time again to consider submitting artwork for this year's Winter Family Weekend Art Show. Last year's show was so successful that we decided to host another show this year! If you are interested in submitting artwork for the show, simply click on the link given here to provide help-

ful information about your artwork for our curators. [WFW Artwork Submission Form](#).

Thank you for sharing your talents with God's people! If you have any questions, please contact Amy Duncan at amysuzanneduncan@gmail.com.

Young Adult Retreat

Young adults, you are invited to attend a special retreat weekend hosted by the Houston North young adults. It will be held over the Martin Luther King Jr. weekend - Jan. 13-16. The theme is based on Matt. 24:13 - "Are You Prepared?" We'll review prophesied events leading up to Christ's return, how to endure those difficult times, and God's ultimate plan for us.

The retreat will be held at Messiah's Ranch in Bryan TX, where we have our Lone Star pre-teen camp. The cost is \$125 for a three-night stay, which includes food.

For more information, please see the attached brochure, or visit our website:

<https://sites.google.com/view/txyaretreatweekend>.