

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • November 5, 2022

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 6:27 p.m. (ET), 6:18 p.m. (R)

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

Song Leader – Dan Pierce

Pianist – MP3s

Sermonette – John Flynn

Sermon – Joel Meeker

Ruston: Bernice Community Center, Bernice – 1 p.m.

Song Leader – Steve Barnette

Pianist – Johna Barnette

Sermonette – Chris Teague

Sermon – Scott Hammer

General Announcements

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time ends tomorrow. Don't forget to set your clocks **back** one hour tonight.

Volleyball Practice

Our next volleyball practice of this season for teens and adults will be Sunday, Nov. 20, 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's next regional volleyball weekend is in Houston, Dec. 10-11.

Men's Leadership Club

Our next session of Men's Leadership Club will be about an hour after services next Sabbath, Nov. 12.

Women's Fellowship

The ladies will have another meeting after services next Sabbath, Nov. 12, to fold towels for the Mystery Dinner cruise. Melissa Fulgham emailed instructions to all those who gave her their information.

Mystery Dinner Signups

We're only five 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!

Elders – Here to serve you

Ken Treybig, Pastor – (903) 714-3684

Scott Hammer – (903) 738-5367

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James Ellis – (903) 261-1928

Mike Machin – (386) 931-1879

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Winter Camp

Winter Camp is right around the corner, and the camper application deadline is just 2½ weeks away, on **Nov. 15!** The staff application deadline is even sooner, on **Nov. 10!**

You'll find details about this year's Winter Camp—including an "Apply Now" link—at the page dedicated to Winter Camp at camps.cogwa.org.

Due to the close, indoor environment of Winter Camp, as well as the overlap in activity dates, we do not recommend that campers or staff attempt to attend both Winter Family Weekend and Winter Camp. As we've seen in previous years, illnesses (including COVID) tend to spread more easily in the winter. If a camper or staff member does go from the Winter Family Weekend to Winter Camp, he or she will need to provide a negative COVID-19 test result.

Finally, please wait to purchase any nonrefundable airline tickets until you are notified to go ahead and do so.

We look forward to seeing you this year at Winter Camp!

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!

Registration for this year's Winter Family Weekend is scheduled to open Tuesday, Nov. 1. Registration will be open through your COGWA Portal, so be sure to check there on or after Nov. 1.

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 Live Band Night

During this year's WFW, on Sunday night, Dec. 25, we will once again provide an evening of live music from church bands. If you have a band and would like to play a set, please contact Mark Winner at mark.winner@cogwa.org **no later than Nov. 13**. This is not a "jam session," but rather an opportunity for any organized band to play a predetermined set. If you and your bandmates would enjoy the opportunity to entertain an eager crowd of listeners, we would love to hear from you. Please direct any band-related questions to Mark Winner.

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

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>