

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • December 3, 2022

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 5:14 p.m. (ET), 5:05 p.m. (R)

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

Song Leader – Wynn Worthen

Pianist – Melissa Fulgham

Sermonette – Dan Pierce

Sermon – Ken Treybig

Ruston: Onyx Inn & Suites, Ruston – 1 p.m.

Song Leader – John Ivey

Pianist – MP3s

Sermonette – Johnny Callender

Sermon – Video Sermon

General Announcements

Auditorium Seating

There will not be seating in the back of the Auditorium next to the Sound Room during services today because of the Mystery Dinner setup.

No Snacks

Because of the Mystery Dinner this evening, there will not be snacks after services today.

Volleyball Practice

Our final volleyball practice of this season will be tomorrow, Sunday, at the Big Sandy Middle School gym from 9-11 a.m. The Houston regional event is next weekend.

Deacon/Elder Meeting

The next deacon/elder meeting will be this Thursday night, Dec.

8, at 7 p.m. in the back of the Auditorium.

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.

WFW Sabbath Services

We will be connecting to the webcast of services from Winter Family Weekend in Louisville the Sabbath of Dec. 24. The service time is **1:30 p.m.** Central time. Ruston services are cancelled that day, with everyone tuning in on their own. East Texas will meet and will run their phone hookup for any who need it.

As usual, we ask that you be in your seats early so we can be sure the webcast is coming through correctly. Thanks for your cooperation.

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!

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

Elders – Here to serve you

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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 Registration Deadlines

We are only three weeks away from the start of WFW 2022! If you are planning to come but haven't yet registered, please do so soon! You can register by clicking on the link in your COGWA member portal.

If you have registered but haven't yet made hotel reservations, please do so by the Dec. 16 reservation deadline. After Dec. 16, you are not guaranteed the special rate of \$86 (plus tax) per night.

Also, if you plan to have a basketball or volleyball team this year at WFW, be sure to register your team by **Wednesday, Dec. 7**. All teams *must* be registered by this date. (If you need to make changes to your sports team, please contact ken.treybig@cogwa.org for volleyball, or andy.burnett@cogwa.org for basketball.)

Progressive Dinner of Louisville

Are you planning to attend the Winter Family Weekend? Would you like to join us for a night of great food and fun? Then plan to join us for the WFW Progressive Dinner, where we will enjoy three of Louisville's most enjoyable food destinations. We have a few seats open, so go to your portal and sign up.

Date: Dec. 26

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

Cost: \$160 per person. This includes transportation on our 40-passenger bus—there's no need to drive!

Where: We will begin with appetizers at the world-famous Brown Hotel, followed by the main course at locally owned Buck's Restaurant with four delicious entrees and two salads to choose from. Then we will finish the dinner at one of Louisville's most popular restaurant destinations, La Bodeguita de Mima. We will enjoy a delicious dessert, Cuban coffee and great conversation as we finish the evening. All three locations will have a cash bar for cocktails.

Don't delay—sign up today for this memorable event!

Churchill Downs Tour

The Churchill Downs Tour is now full. No more participants will be able to register for this event.

Family Fun Fair

PLEASE DONATE! We are in need of items for the Family Fun Fair prize table. Suggested items include kids' books, small puzzles, toy cars, small stuffed animals and small trinkets (finger toys, glow bracelets or necklaces, pencils, erasers, pencil grips, bookmarks, stickers, etc.). Please make sure all donations are clean and in good condition. No need to break the (piggy) bank for these donations; dollar store items are perfect! Please, no toys that make a mess, such as play dough, glitter, slime or Silly Putty. Please drop off your donations at the WFW information center at the Galt House by Sunday evening, Dec. 25. If

you would like to donate, please email Gregg and Amanda Pennington at cogwafamilyfunfair@gmail.com. Thank you in advance!

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 helpful 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>.