

# Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

## Announcements • February 11, 2023

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 6 p.m. (ET), 5:51 p.m. (R)

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

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

### Ruston: Comfort Inn & Suites (Onyx), Ruston – 1 p.m.

Song Leader – Chris Teague  
Pianist – Johna Barnette  
Sermonette – Don Ballo  
Sermon – Ken Treybig

### General Announcements

#### From the Hogg Family

Thank you to everyone who came out to Boot Scoot last weekend! We are thrilled to announce that we raised \$20,000 for the COGWA Youth Camps and Scholarship fund! We appreciate everyone who attended, served at the event, and donated to the auction and bake sale. We love hosting a fun activity that brings everyone together to socialize and raise money to support God's youth. See you next year!

#### Basketball Practices

Our next basketball practice will be tomorrow, Sunday, at the Big Sandy Junior High gym from 9 a.m. to noon for preteens, teens and adults. Preteens will practice from 9-10.

We will also practice each Sunday in February at the same times.

#### “Friday Night Live”

Mr. Phil Sandilands will present the next “Friday Night Live” Bible study Fri. night, Feb. 17. The title is “The Story Behind Today’s Holidays.” To connect, go to <http://members.cogwa.org/fnl/>.

#### Men’s Leadership Club

Our next session of Men’s Leadership Club will be about an hour after services next Sabbath, Feb. 18.

#### Women’s Fellowship

Our next gathering will be next Sabbath, Feb. 18, during the Men’s Club meeting. The activity that evening will be flower arranging.

#### Variety Show Reminder

Plans are being made for the Variety Show coming up on Feb. 25. If you would like to perform in the show, **today is the last day to sign up.** There are also sign-up sheets at the Information Center for sound crew, stage crew, and video volunteers. If you already have signed up verbally, please sign up again on the sign-up sheet so we don’t miss anybody. Once you have signed

up you will be receiving an email including more information on what will be needed from the performers for the sound set up and program lineup. If you have any questions please contact Aubrey Jenison, either by phone or email found in the church directory.

#### Branson Family Weekend

The Branson Family weekend is now only one week away. It looks like we will have a big crowd. If you haven’t registered please do so. If you can’t register on-line please send an email to [mike.blackwell@cogwa.org](mailto:mike.blackwell@cogwa.org) or text your desire to 417-838-0091.

This year’s theme is “A Friend Loves at all times—Building healthy relationships”. We will have nine seminars along this general subject. It promises to be a profitable weekend.

More details are available on copies of a fuller announcement at the Information Center.

#### Dallas Teen Formal

Attention all TEENS and PARENTS OF TEENS: If you plan to attend the upcoming formal, please register at [www.cogwadallasprom.com](http://www.cogwadallasprom.com).

Also, PARENTS: If you have a graduating senior, PLEASE

#### Elders – Here to serve you

Ken Treybig, Pastor – (903) 714-3684  
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John Trotter – (903) 636-4515

complete the senior questionnaire at the website listed above for the senior acknowledgements that evening. REGISTER ASAP. The registration and senior questionnaire deadlines both fall on February 17.

If you have any questions please contact Rachel Hansen at [rhansen1973@gmail.com](mailto:rhansen1973@gmail.com).

### **The World Awaits!**

The COGWA Nashville congregation invites teens and their families to the 2023 Southeast Teen Prom weekend March 17-19! The theme for the prom weekend is “The World Awaits!” and will begin with fellowship at the hotel Friday evening and then services at 1 p.m. on the Sabbath.

All this will be followed up with the teen prom Saturday night, which will include senior tributes, dinner and dancing. Food will be served tapas style from internationally themed stations, so all attendees can try a variety of popular foods from around the world. We’ll conclude the weekend with morning fun and a Mexican lunch at a park on Sunday.

Travelers and trip planners will find all needed details at [seteenprom.com](http://seteenprom.com). Registration and payment are due by March 1. The world awaits ... and so do we, so register today!

### **70th Anniversary!**

This year, during the Days of Unleavened Bread, the East Texas congregation will celebrate the 70th anniversary of having a modern Church of God congregation in the area! To celebrate this momentous event, we are planning a special event on April 8, 2023—the Sabbath during Unleavened Bread—at a

beautiful event center on the north side of Longview: The Summit Club, located at 700 Judson Road, Longview, TX 75605.

Services, with split sermons to be given by Ken Giese (former pastor here) and Clyde Kilough (Media operation manager), will begin at 3 p.m. followed by a dinner at 6 p.m. and a dance starting after sundown, 7:45 p.m.

The meal will feature your choice of chicken (\$35 for ages 8 and up) or prime rib (\$45). Children ages 4 to 7 will enjoy a chicken tetrazzini dinner for \$12.50. There is no charge for children under age 4. Meals will include an entrée, a starch, chocolate mousse and water, tea or coffee. We will bring our own unleavened bread. A cash bar will also be available beginning with dinner.

We are planning to have a slideshow of the history in the East Texas area. We invite you to submit your photos by uploading them on the registration website. The dance (with Chantelle West serving as DJ) will be held from 7:45 to 10:30 p.m.

The event center has plenty of room and is very adaptable, but we request that everyone register for any or all of the events, so the facility knows how to arrange things and can be sure to have enough food prepared. The URL to register is <https://www.etx70th.com/>. The deadline for registration and paying for the meal is Sunday, March 26.

We would love to have you join us for this special event!

### **Foundation Institute Announces Summer 2023 Continuing Education Seminars**

This year Foundation Institute, Center for Biblical Education, is again pleased to announce two summer Continuing Education sessions at the headquarters office in McKinney, Texas.

The two weeklong sessions will be held in the Foundation Institute classroom, with capacity for 36 students in each session.

The dates of the two sessions will be July 17 to 21 and July 24 to 28, 2023. Classes will be taught by Foundation Institute instructors David Johnson and Ralph Levy, as well as other ministers from the headquarters office. Approximately 29 hours of Bible instruction will be taught. Details about class offerings will be announced at a later date. Class offerings will be similar for both sessions, but they may not be identical. Because of space limitations, we will accept students for only one of the two sessions.

The tuition for each session is \$100 per person or \$150 for a married couple. The fee will cover administrative costs and a light lunch each day.

Registration will open at 10 a.m. CST (local Texas time) on Sunday, Feb. 19, 2023, and will remain open until 10 a.m. CST on Monday, Feb. 27. When registration opens, you may sign up by going to the Foundation Institute website ([foundationinstitute.org](http://foundationinstitute.org)), selecting “Continuing Education,” and clicking on the “Register Now” button.

Please note that this year we will use a different system for accepting participants. All are welcome to apply, but priority will be given to those who have

not attended a seminar since 2018. It is our hope to accommodate most or all of those wishing to attend, but this priority system will eliminate the first-come, first-served system, and will prioritize those who have not attended a seminar since 2018.

Those accepted will receive a confirmation email and further details about the program. Information about local housing will also be sent to those accepted for one of the seminars.

We look forward to seeing you here in Texas for our 2023 Continuing Education seminars. As they say here in Texas, y'all come!