

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • February 18, 2023

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 6:06 p.m. (ET), 5:57 p.m. (R)

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

Song Leader – Dan Pierce

Pianist – Melissa Fulgham

Sermonette – James Richards

Sermon – Doug Horchak

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

Song Leader – John Ivey

Pianist – Johna Barnette

Sermonette – Johnny Callender

Sermon – John Trotter

General Announcements

Newest Addition

We are thrilled to welcome Kai Michael Worthen to the East Texas congregation! Mother, proud father and family are all doing well.

Men's Leadership Club

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

Women's Fellowship - Cancelled

The Women's Fellowship that was planned for this evening has been cancelled due to illness. We look forward to our next meeting on March 18.

Basketball Practices

Our next basketball practice will be next Sunday, Feb. 26, at the Big Sandy Junior High gym

from 9 a.m. to noon for preteens, teens and adults. Preteens will practice from 9-10.

Potluck Before Variety Show

We will be having a potluck meal before the Variety Show after services next Sabbath. Drinks will be provided. Please bring two of the following food items: meat dish, vegetable dish, salad, or dessert. Also, be sure to label your serving dishes. Thanks for your help!

Variety Show Reminder

The variety show is only one week away! Come join us on Feb. 25 for a fun-filled evening of food and entertainment! We have made plans to hold rehearsals during the week on Tuesday, Feb. 21 and Wednesday, Feb. 22. John Flynn and other trusty helpers will be available at the church building to help you practice your act. We have a sign-up sheet at the Information Center for performers to sign up for a 20-minute time slot. Thanks for all your help and cooperation to make this show a great success!

Deacon/Elder Meeting

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

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

Dallas Prom/Basketball

Remember the Teen Formal will be in Dallas on March 4 and the next set of basketball games will be on Sunday, March 5 in Plano.

Potluck & Game Night

Choo-choo! All aboard! Plan to join us on the evening of March 11 for a fun night of fellowship and games. We will have a Mexican-themed potluck meal, followed by some light-hearted Mexican Train game-play after sundown. If you've never played before, Mexican Train is a dominoes-based table game that is easy to learn and enjoyable to play.

Plan to bring your favorite Mexican-themed dish that you'd like to share with everyone. Water and drinks will be provided for the meal. The sign-up list and all other pertinent details may be found at the Information Center.

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. 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), 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!