

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • February 25, 2023

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 6:12 p.m. (ET), 6:03 p.m. (R)

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

Song Leader – Scott Fulgham
Pianist – Melissa Fulgham
Sermonette – Rod Gehrke
Sermon – Scott Hammer

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

Song Leader – Steve Barnette
Pianist – Johna Barnette
Sermonette – Tom Moffitt
Sermon – Joel Meeker

General Announcements

No Snacks

Because of the potluck before the Variety Show this evening, there will not be snacks after services today.

Potluck Before Variety Show

We will be having a potluck meal before the Variety Show after services **today**. 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 **tonight!** We hope you'll join us for a fun-filled evening of food and entertainment!

Basketball Practices

Our last 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.

Deacon/Elder Meeting

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

Dallas Prom/Basketball

Below is a schedule for next week's Dallas regional week-end.

- Teen Speech Club: 11:30 a.m. at *Unity of Dallas* (6525 Forest Lane, Dallas, 75230)

- Sabbath Service: 1 p.m. at *Unity of Dallas*

- Dinner/Dance Arrival Window: 5-6 p.m. - *The Westin Dallas Stonebriar Golf Resort & Spa* (549 Legacy Dr, Frisco, 75034)

- Welcome & Blessing on Meal: 6:05 p.m.

- Meal: 6:10 - 7 p.m.

- Parents arrive for Senior Presentations: 7 p.m.

- Senior Presentations followed by a group picture: 7:15 p.m.

- Dance: 8-11 p.m.

- **Sunday Basketball:** 8:15 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. (PSA 1 – 6500 Preston Meadow, 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

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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!

Men's Leadership Club

Our next session of Men's Leadership Club will be about an hour after services Mar. 18.

Women's Fellowship

Our next gathering will be Mar. 18 during the Men's Club meeting. The activity that evening will be neck massage techniques. An email was sent about food. If you didn't receive it and want to participate, please see Scarlet Ellis.

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!

2023 Atlanta Spring Formal

This is your final opportunity to register for the upcoming Adult Spring Formal in the Atlanta, Georgia, area. The Atlanta and Gainesville, Georgia, congregations invite you to come celebrate with them April 7-9, over the 2023 spring holy days.

This year marks 60 years since Atlanta's first church service in May 1963. We are excited to celebrate this special occasion with a 1 p.m. Sabbath service on

April 8, in which COGWA's president Jim Franks will give the sermon. Later that evening we will have a hibachi dinner and a formal dance (formal attire only) for those age 18 and up. For all the details, please go to cogwaspringformal.com. At this time, fewer than 20 seats remain available.

Rock Climbing Instructor Certification

Several of our camps have run rock climbing classes in the past, but with the untimely death of Cody Kitts last year we no longer have someone who has been active at camp who is a certified rock climbing instructor.

We have established a Cody Kitts Training Scholarship fund to assist people recommended by our directors in getting various certifications for serving at camp when needed. However, knowing that this certification may be more involved and may take more time, we are wondering if there is someone in our fellowship that already has that certification but has not been active in our camp program.

If you have that certification and would be interested in serving, or if you have an interest in seeking this certification, please contact Ken Treybig by email at ken.treybig@cogwa.org or by phone at 903-714-3684 as soon as possible.

Foundation Institute Summer 2023 Continuing Education Seminars

This year Foundation Institute, Center for Biblical Education, will have 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. 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 is open and will remain open until 10 a.m. CST on Monday, Feb. 27. 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.