

# Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

## Announcements • March 11, 2023

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 6:23 p.m. (ET), 6:14 p.m. (R)

**East Texas: 24345 County Rd 3107, Gladewater – 2:30 p.m.**  
Song Leader – James Richards  
Pianist – Melissa Fulgham  
Sermonette – Dan Pierce  
Sermon – James Ellis

**Ruston: Comfort Inn & Suites (Onyx), Ruston – 1 p.m.**  
Song Leader – Johnny Callender  
Pianist – Johna Barnette  
Sermonette – Chris Teague  
Sermon – Admin Sermon

### General Announcements

#### No Snacks

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

#### Potluck & Game Night

Choo-choo! All aboard! We look forward to seeing everyone this evening 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.

Please bring your favorite Mexican-themed dish that you'd like to share with everyone. Water and drinks will be provided for the meal.

#### Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time begins tomorrow, Sunday. Don't forget to move your clocks forward one hour.

#### "Friday Night Live"

Mr. Dave Myers will present the next "Friday Night Live" Bible study Fri. night, Mar. 17. The title is "There is No Absolute Truth!" To connect, go to <http://members.cogwa.org/fnl/>.

#### 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

#### Elders – Here to serve you

Ken Treybig, Pastor – (903) 714-3684  
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[seteenprom.com](http://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 next Sabbath, Mar. 18.

#### Women's Fellowship

Our next gathering will be next Sabbath, 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.

#### Passover Assistance

Those needing assistance with foot-washing at the Passover, please sign the list at the Information Center or contact Nancy Worthen at ([grana-ryst@juno.com/903-636-4773](mailto:granaryst@juno.com/903-636-4773)).

#### 70th Anniversary!

We are nearing the deadline to register for the event celebrating the 70th anniversary of the congregation in the Big Sandy area! These events don't come around very often, and you must register by **Sunday, March 26!**

The location is **The Summit Club** at 700 Judson Road, on the

north side of Longview, Texas. Services will start at 3 p.m., dinner will be at 6 p.m., and the dance will run from 7:45 (just after sundown) to 10:30 p.m.

The club is open every day for its members, but we need to know how many to set up for in the event room so it's crucial for **everyone** to register (including our local members), whether it's for just services, for services and the meal, for services and the dance, or for whatever your preferences are. **If you plan to attend any part of the event, we need you to register!**

We are also soliciting photos—from anywhere we can get them—of the history of the people of God in this area. Please click the link on the website to upload them ASAP, so we can prepare a slideshow to highlight the unique history of God's people in this area of the country.

Here is the special website link: <https://www.etx70th.com/>.

If you need help registering, please see James Ellis.

We want to make sure all our local attendees can attend, so if you need help with the cost, please let one of the elders know!

### **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](http://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](mailto:ken.treybig@cogwa.org) or by phone at 903-714-3684 as soon as possible.

### **Openings Available for Foundation Institute Continuing Education Session 2**

There are still openings available for Session 2 of the FI Continuing Education Program, which will run from July 24 to 28, 2023. If you are interested in attending, registration will be reopened from March 17 to 27 at [foundationinstitute.org/continuing-education](http://foundationinstitute.org/continuing-education).

### **FOI Israel Dig Project**

Foundation Outreach International and the Church would like to announce an opportunity for up to 10 people to participate in an educational archaeological dig project in Israel. We are looking for volunteers from the Church of God, a Worldwide Association, who would be interested in experiencing an archaeological dig and visiting Jerusalem and the surrounding areas. The dig portion of the trip will be three weeks in July. Participants will be gone for a total of 23 days.

If you are **seriously interested** in this unique service project, please pick up copies of the **fact sheet** (which details requirements, dates and costs) and the **application**. The application deadline is **March 31, 2023**, so **get your application in soon!**

FOI will host an information Zoom call on March 20, 2023, at 7 p.m. Central time. (The meeting will also be recorded and made available online.)

If you have any questions about this project or would to attend the information session, contact FOI at [support@foundationoutreachintl.org](mailto:support@foundationoutreachintl.org).

### **Families Glorifying God**

We are excited to invite our Church family, young and old alike, to the annual Families Glorifying God Weekend, April 7-9, 2023, in the Twin Cities, Minnesota. Our theme this year is "Be Still and Know That I am God," from Psalm 46:10. Join us for Sabbath services, seminars, food, fun and fellowship! This year we are happy to have guest speaker Mike Hanisko and his wife, Zelda, joining us.

For our family activity on Sunday, please join us at WhirlyBall

Bloomington! Experience something new and exciting with WhirlyBall. Jump in a bumper car and take on your friends in a fast-paced game combining basketball, hockey and lacrosse. If that doesn't get your adrenalin pumping, then take your friends over to laser tag or take them on in bowling.

Please **register by March 31!** Go to <https://buytickets.at/cog-watwincities/869182> and enter the access code **FGGW23** to register and to buy tickets for the dinner and activity.

We hope to see you there!