

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • March 18, 2023

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 7:28 p.m. (ET), 7:19 p.m. (R)

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

Song Leader – Scott Fulgham
Pianist – Melissa Fulgham
Sermonette – John Flynn
Sermon – Mike Machin

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

Song Leader – John Ivey
Pianist – Johna Barnette
Sermonette – Video
Sermon – Ken Treybig

General Announcements

Men's Leadership Club

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

Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship will meet **tonight** about an hour after services.

Excused Absence Forms

If you need an Excused Absence Form for work or school, please sign the list at the Information Center. They will be available the next week.

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](mailto:granaryst@juno.com)/903-636-4773).

Passover

In addition to your Bible, everyone in Ruston is asked to bring a foot basin and towel for the foot washing at Passover services Tuesday, Apr. 4. **Members in East Texas only need to bring your Bible and towel. Basins will already be in place.** Ruston will meet at the Comfort Inn & Suites in Ruston. Sunset times differ by location, so Ruston will start at 7:35 p.m. and East Texas will start at 7:45 p.m. Please be in your seats a few minutes ahead of time.

Night to Be Much Observed

It's that time of year when all of us are making plans for the upcoming Night to Be Much Observed. To avoid anyone ending up with no place to go for this special event picturing our escape from spiritual Egypt, and unable to host anyone themselves, we will have two sign-up lists at church beginning this Sabbath.

One is for those who are hosting a meal and could make room for one (or possibly two) other people to join them without being an excessive burden.

The other is for those who are alone and would otherwise spend that night alone. We will then inform those with extra

room of the individuals who need a place to go.

If you'd rather not sign either list, please let James Ellis know privately. The goal will be that no person in need has to spend that night alone that doesn't wish to.

Unleavened Bread Services

The First Day of Unleavened Bread is Thursday, Apr. 6, and the Last Day of Unleavened Bread is on Wednesday, Apr. 12. We'll have one service on the FDUB in the afternoon starting at 1 p.m. in Ruston at Comfort Inn & Suites and 2:30 p.m. in East Texas. On the LDUB, both locations will have two services at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. East Texas will have a potluck between services.

Offerings on both of the holy days will be taken up as in the past by passing the offering basket. Those wishing to send in their offering via postal service or by donating online may still do so.

70th Anniversary!

The deadline to register for the event celebrating the 70th anniversary of the congregation in the Big Sandy area is just a week away, Sunday, **March 26!**

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

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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. At this time, fewer than 20 seats remain available.

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.

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.

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!