

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • April 1, 2023

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 7:38 p.m. (ET), 7:29 p.m. (R)

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

Song Leader – Wynn Worthen

Pianist – MP3s

Sermonette – Rod Gehrke

Sermon – Scott Hammer

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

Song Leader – Steve Barnette

Pianist – Johna Barnette

Sermonette – Chris Teague

Sermon – John Trotter

General Announcements

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 following week under the sign-up list on the Information Table.

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).

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 this 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 Fairfield Inn 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.

We will run the phone connection again to serve those unable to attend for various reasons.

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 have two sign-up lists at the Information Center.

One is for those who are hosting a meal and could make room for other people to join them.

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 so no one 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.

ET Services Location

Next Sabbath, April 8, we will meet at the Summit Club in Longview at 3 p.m. The address is 700 Judson Road, on the north side of Longview, Texas.

Men's Leadership Club

Men's Leadership Club will meet again on April 22 about an hour after services.

Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship will meet again on April 22 about an hour after services.

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

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!

Festival Registration Announcement

As we did last year, we are asking those who plan to attend their assigned site to register first. Registration for those planning to attend their assigned site will begin on **Sunday, April 9**. This is only for those who plan to attend their assigned site. Members should access the COGWA member portal (portal.cogwa.org), where they will see their assigned site listed.

Please note: It is imperative that you register prior to April 23, when those wishing to transfer will begin their registration process. If you need any assistance prior to April 9, please send an email to registration@cogwa.org. If you need assistance with your registration, please contact your Festival adviser, Mr. Tom Moffit (East Texas) or Mr. Chris Teague (Ruston).

Early Registration for Paradise Island, Bahamas

We are planning to host the Feast this year in Paradise Island, Bahamas, at the world-renowned Atlantis Resort. Since many have expressed interest in attending this site, early registration will begin April 9—the same day that members will be registering for their **assigned** Feast site. It is important that those desiring to attend the Feast in the Bahamas this year register the week of April 9, as we will need to know the names and numbers of those attending the Bahamian site before April 23.

To register for the Bahamas, select “Transfer,” and “Bahamas” will appear. Those accepted will receive a confirmation email within a week or so of registration. Due to the limited seating capacity of the meeting room, we will be limited in the number who can attend. Those accepted will be able to make hotel reservations beginning April 23. Check the Feast website (feast.cogwa.org) for further information.