Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston Announcements • July 8, 2023

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Web sites: http://cogwa.org, http://easttexas.cogwa.org Friday Sunset: 8:31 p.m. (ET), 8:22 p.m. (R)

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

Song Leader – Wynn Worthen Pianist – Raegan Diaz Sermonette – Dan Pierce Sermon – Ken Treybig

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

Song Leader – John Ivey Pianist – Johna Barnette Sermonette – Chris Teague Sermon – Admin Sermon

General Announcements Social Planning Meeting

Please join us **today** for our social planning meeting about 30 minutes after services in the snack room. Last year's meeting resulted in us selecting some new, enjoyable socials for the school year—in addition to our regional events. We look forward to deciding on this year's events.

Mid-Week Bible Study

Our next mid-week monthly Bible study will be Wednesday, Aug. 9, at 11 a.m. at the East Texas Church building. Please bring snacks and finger-foods for a light lunch.

Summer Camps

This week we didn't have any of our summer camps running, nor will one run next week. The rest of our summer camps run in the last two weeks of July and the first two weeks of August.

This year's theme is "Mapping Your Future" to encourage some thinking past the current day or week. Your continued prayers for God's blessing and protection on all our camps this year would be greatly appreciated.

Festival Assistance

Remember that <u>July 10</u> is the deadline to get any applications for festival assistance submitted to our local Festival advisers or pastor.

Festival financial assistance is available for those who do not have adequate funds to attend the Feast even though they have faithfully saved their Festival tithe.

FI Exploring Possible 2024 Israel Trip

Foundation Institute is currently exploring the possibility of a travel education tour to Israel in the spring of 2024. The trip would take place from May 28 to June 4, 2024.

The trip would follow an itinerary similar to those of our past Israel trips, starting in the northern part of Israel and ending in the city of Jerusalem.

We would tour on an air-conditioned coach with a professional Israeli guide and historian. Sabbath services would be

held in the city of Jerusalem. At this point, we are planning for a group of 45-50 participants, depending on interest.

The group would likely fly out of New York City on Tuesday, May 28, and return on Wednesday, June 5.

We cannot yet lock in airfares for 2024, so we can't announce an exact cost of the trip, but we expect that the double-occupancy price would be around \$3,500 per person (to include airfare, hotels, two meals a day, site entrance fees and other costs associated with the trip). We estimate the single-occupancy price would be around \$4,500.

If you are seriously interested in participating, please fill out this form within the next two weeks: 2024 Israel Trip Interest Form. This is not a registration form. It is only to help us determine the level of interest for planning purposes. Once we verify the costs and determine if there's sufficient interest to move forward, we'll provide more details and make an official registration form available.

We hope you will consider this exciting opportunity!

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