

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • August 19, 2023

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 8:02 p.m. (ET), 7:53 p.m. (R)

East Texas: 24345 County Rd 3107, Gladewater – 2:30 p.m.
Song Leader – Wynn Worthen
Pianist – Melissa Fulgham
Sermonette – John Trotter
Sermon – James Ellis

Ruston: – Fairfield Inn & Suites, Ruston - 1 p.m.
Song Leader – John Ivey
Pianist – Johna Barnette
Sermonette – Chris Teague
Sermon – Video

General Announcements

Hawkins Lake Day Rescheduled

We have rescheduled our Lake Day event for Sunday, September 10 at the pavilion at Lake Hawkins. Please update your personal calendar.

Ellis Farewell Reception

Remember we will have a farewell reception for the Ellis family after services this Sabbath, August 19. Please bring non-dessert snacks, such as cheese & crackers, chips & dip, veggies, etc.

2024 Calendars

For many years the “God’s Creation” calendars have been very popular. The 2024 copies are now available at Granary locations.

Feast Children’s Choir

We are looking forward to having children’s choirs at the Feast this year! Preparations are once again being made for children aged 5 to 12 to participate at each of our U.S. Feast sites (and some of our English-speaking international sites). This year the children will be singing a piece composed by Church member Emily Smith titled “God’s Word Is a Map.” Many of our preteens have already learned this song at summer camp!

In order to make the process of obtaining a rehearsal recording and lyrics as easy as possible, MP3 rehearsal tracks and PDF copies of the songs are available to all who would like to participate. We are making this information available to everyone in COGWA so you may download the music yourself.

The music is posted on the Feast website, but due to copyright issues, it is password-protected. To get to the page and download rehearsal tracks and lyrics sheets, click here “[Children’s Choir](#)” and enter the password “**FOTmusic2023**” when asked. Please note that the password is case-sensitive, so be sure to type it exactly as given here (without the quotation marks). Once you have logged

into the children’s choir music page, right-click on each of the files and choose “*Save link as ...*” or “*Save target as ...*” to download the MP3 rehearsal tracks and the PDFs of the music.

We have permission from the composer to post these files and allow members who will attend the Feast with us to download and use them. However, we do ***not*** have permission to forward them to friends or repost them elsewhere. We ask that you share the password only with others planning to attend one of our COGWA Feast sites. Your help in respecting the copyright and royalty rights of the composers is greatly appreciated.

If you have musical questions, please contact Dave Myers at dave.myers@cogwa.org.

Technical questions about downloading and using the files should be directed to Ken Treybig at ken.treybig@cogwa.org. We encourage all children in this age range to participate. Once at the Feast of Tabernacles, listen for announcements regarding when and where the children should meet in order to participate.

Elders – Here to serve you

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Branson Update— New Facility

Good news! We have a new home for the Feast in Branson. While the Yakov Smirnoff Theatre will be closed for repair through the end of the year, God has given us a new facility, the **Branson Hillside Theatre** (formerly the Welk Theatre).

The Hillside Theatre is a beautiful 2,200-seat theater with a large lobby and plenty of space for all our needs. We will have exclusive use of the theater for the time we are there. It has a restaurant that is open for breakfast and will be open for lunch on the two holy days. The theater is conveniently located 2 miles from much of our housing. The address is 1985 State Hwy. 165 in Branson.

God has truly blessed us with another home after the storm damage to the Yakov Theatre. Thanks to everyone for your prayers for God's blessing in finding another location for the Feast. We look forward to seeing you all in Branson!

FOI Guatemala Dental Project 2023 Announcement/ Fact Sheet and Application

Foundation Outreach International and the Church would like to announce an opportunity for up to four young adults to serve in Guatemala assisting in a dental project during the Guatemala yearly campout in late November 2023. The service project will end with hiking trips in the area surrounding Antiqua, Guatemala.

If you are interested in this unique service project, please pick up copies of both the project fact **sheet** (which details requirements, dates and costs)

and the **application from the Information Center**. The deadline for applying is September 9; however, the SOONER you apply the better, as we will be accepting people during the process! So get your application in soon!

FOI will host an information meeting on August 13 at 7 p.m. Central time. Please email suport@foundationoutreachintl.org

Young Adult Leadership Weekend 2024

Save the date! Our next Young Adult Leadership Week-end is scheduled to be held at five regional locations (California, Georgia, Missouri, Ohio and Texas) next winter over Presidents' Day weekend. A team, of young adults will be working on helping us devise a theme and topics to address. We'll have more details after the Feast of Tabernacles this fall. Mean-while, save February 17-18, 2024, for what will prove to be a weekend of spiritual enrichment and fun!