

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • September 2, 2023

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 7:46 p.m. (ET), 7:37 p.m. (R)

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

Song Leader – John Flynn

Pianist – Raegan Diaz

Sermonette – John Trotter

Sermon – Admin Sermon

Ruston: – Hampton Inn & Suites, Ruston - 1 p.m.

Song Leader – Steve Barnette

Pianist – Mp3's

Sermonette – Chris Teague

Sermon – Admin Sermon

General Announcements

Excused Absence Forms

If you need a fall feasts excused absence form for work or school, please sign the list on the information Table (one name per line please). We will have them available for you the next Sabbath.

Newsletter Articles

We could use more articles for the next local newsletter—especially the “My Calling” articles. If you have not yet written one, please consider sharing your story with all of us.

Volleyball Practices

We have been approved to use the Big Sandy Middle School gym for volleyball practices on Sunday mornings from 9-11 a.m. The dates have all been entered on the East Texas website Google calendar. The

first practice for teens and adults will be on Sept. 17. The rest will be after the Feast. Please check the Google calendar for those other dates and remember our first regional weekend event is in Austin Nov. 4-5.

Midweek Bible Study

Due to low attendance, we are canceling the midweek Bible Studies. There will not be one on September 6, though it is noted on the monthly calendar.

Hawkins Lake Day

Come join us September 10th for a day of fun at the pavilion at Lake Hawkins for fellowship, a potluck meal, boat rides, tubing and/or water skiing. Things will kick off at 11 a.m. with lunch at 12:30. Paper plates, utensils and drinks will be provided. You bring the rest! Please sign the list at the information Center if you are interested in coming so we have an idea of how to plan.

2024 Calendars

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

Holy Day Offerings

This year we plan to once again collect offerings locally at services on the Feast of

Trumpets (Sep. 16) and Day of Atonement (Sep. 25). You should have received blue holy day offering envelopes with the mailing that had your voucher for the new book that will be given to each household at the Feast.

The option to give one’s holy day offering online is also available to anyone who would prefer that method.

As always, the Church deeply appreciates the holy day offerings given by the members and ministry.

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

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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.

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!