

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • December 2, 2023

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 5:13 p.m. (ET), 5:04 p.m. (R)

Sabbath Services

East Texas: 2:30 p.m.

Song Leader – Wynn Worthen

Pianist – Melissa Fulgham

Sermonette – James Richards

Sermon – Ken Treybig

Ruston: – Fairfield Inn

1 p.m.

Song Leader – John Ivey

Pianist – Johna Barnette

Sermonette – Video

Sermon – Video

General Announcements

Mystery Dinner

All aboard! This year's mystery dinner social will take place This Sabbath, Dec 2 aboard the Orient Express in the late 1940s. Everyone will board at the Paris train station for hors d'oeuvres, travel through Zurich for salad, enjoy Hungarian Goulash in Bucharest, and end in Istanbul for Turkish delight and other desserts.

The meal will be served in courses. In between each course will be narrated action, intriguing characters to meet on board the train, and a few mysteries to solve along the way.

Everyone in attending should have already signed up as we need to keep count of attendance. Everyone will have an assigned cabin when they show up that evening.

Donations for East Texas Crisis Center

Help us serve the community through an FOI project we are

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starting for our congregation! We are taking donations for the East Texas Crisis Center now. Please look at the items list on the information table, and consider what you might be able to donate. We will be taking donations November-December and delivering these items to the center the beginning of January 2024.

Volleyball Practices

Our last volleyball practice before the Houston regional weekend will be this Sunday, Dec.3, 9-11 a.m. at the Big Sandy Middle School gym. Remember the Houston weekend is Dec. 9-10.

Deacon/Elder Meeting

Our next deacon & elder meeting will be this next Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. in our local Church hall.

Friday Night Live

The next Friday Night Live is scheduled for Friday night, Dec. 15, presented by Mr. Mark Winner, entitled *How Do You Know*. Be sure to mark your calendar.

Men's Leadership

We will have Men's Leadership Club meeting after services on the Sabbath of Dec. 16.

Women's Fellowship

Elders – Here to serve you

Scott Hammer – (903) 738-5367

Melton McNeely – (903) 769-6849

We will have Women's Fellowship meeting after services on the Sabbath of Dec. 16.

FI Interviews at WFW

Foundation Institute's current academic year is almost at the halfway point, and we are now accepting applications for the 2024-2025 academic year. Applications may be completed and submitted electronically from the Foundation Institute website (foundationinstitute.org/).

Part of the application process includes a brief interview with a member of the Admissions Committee. When necessary, we can conduct the interview over the phone, but most of those committee members will be attending the Winter Family Weekend this year, and it would be an excellent opportunity to conduct in-person interviews and allow prospective students to ask questions.

If you plan to apply for Foundation Institute next year and will be attending the Winter Family Weekend, please contact the registrar, David Johnson, at David.johnson@cogwa.org. We will then be able to set up a mutually agreeable time for your interview.

We look forward to meeting you in just a few weeks.

Winter Family Weekend

Please make plans to join us for this year's Winter Family Weekend at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky!

This year's event will run from Friday evening, Dec. 22, through Tuesday evening, Dec. 26, and will feature plenty of fellowship time, the opportunity to gain knowledge on how we can "Be Strong and of Good Courage," and the chance to participate in many of the WFW activities you know and have come to enjoy!

Registration for this year's Winter Family Weekend opened via your COGWA Members Portal on Sunday, Nov. 5.

Once you have registered for the Winter Family Weekend, you should receive a confirmation email that will also contain a link for you to book your hotel room at the Galt House Hotel. The deadline for making hotel reservations is Dec. 15.

This year we will have the opportunity for some additional special activities, such as the Visual Art Show, Bourbon Tasting Experience, Churchill Downs Tour and three different FOI service projects. Please see the secondary announcement sheet (or email) from your local pastor for more information on these events. (Copies are at the Information Center.)

For information about the activities being planned and other important Winter Family Weekend information, visit the WFW website at

<https://members.cogwa.org/wfw/>.