

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • January 13, 2024

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 5:33 p.m. (ET), 5:24 p.m. (R)

Sabbath Services

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

Song Leader – Bryan Diaz
Pianist – Melissa Fulgham
Sermonette – James Richards
Sermon – Dave Myers

Ruston: 1:00 p.m. Fairfield Inn

Song Leader – Steve Barnette
Pianist – Johna Barnette
Sermonette – Steve Barnette
Sermon – Scott Hammer

General Announcements

Donations for East Texas Crisis Center

All donations were successfully delivered to the East Texas Crisis Center this week. The center is funded 65% by community donations so our generosity was greatly appreciated.

Thank you all for a very successful service project!

Men's Leadership

We will have Men's Leadership Club meeting after services today.

Women's Fellowship

We will have Women's Fellowship meeting after services today.

Early Registration for Feast of Tabernacles 2024

We are planning to host the 2024 Feast of Tabernacles in

Montagnac, France; Ashbourne, Ireland; and Cortona, Italy. While general registration for other COGWA Feast sites will commence in the spring, registration for these international sites will take place much earlier—**beginning this Sunday, Jan. 14, at 12:01 a.m. Central time, and ending at midnight on Monday, Jan. 15.**

Acceptances will be based on a lottery system, so there is no need to race to register—as long as you do so within the two-day period. For Cortona, we plan to give priority to those who were on the waiting list last year.

More information about these Feast sites is available on the COGWA Feast website (feast.cogwa.org).

IMPORTANT: *Before you start the registration process,* make sure you go into the portal and check that all the information for your family members and dependents is up to date. You will not be able to do this during the registration process.

Registrations will be accepted online only. When it's time to register, go to the COGWA portal (portal.cogwa.org) and log into your account. Then click the Feast registration button. **Make sure your email address is correct,** as this will be the address to which all

communication will be sent. Then click "Next" to go to the Volunteer and Special Music sign-up page. Please confirm where you wish to volunteer. Then click the button to complete your registration.

After completing your registration, you will receive a confirmation email right away. If you do not receive that email, you may not have properly completed the registration process. (You might also check your spam folder if you don't see the email right away.)

Remember that you have 48 hours to register—from Sunday, Jan. 14, through Monday, Jan. 15.

Each household with dependents must register separately. Please do not add other friends or family members who do not live with you or who have their own portal account. They will need to register separately. If you **must** travel and Feast together with others, please indicate this in the comments section.

We plan to notify all registrants of whether they have been accepted or are on a waiting list by Feb. 1. Those who are accepted will receive additional information.

If you are want to register for one of these three sites and do not have Internet access or need

Elders – Here to serve you

Ken Treybig, Pastor – (903) 714-3684
Mike Machin – (386) 931-1879
John Trotter – (903) 636-4515

Scott Hammer – (903) 738-5367
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assistance registering, please contact your local Festival adviser, Tom Moffit (East Texas) or Chris Teague (Ruston), after services today.

East Texas Variety Show!

With the Variety Show coming up on February 24, plans are underway to make the evening a great success! There are sign-up sheets on the information table for performers, sound crew, stage crew, and video volunteers. We will be accepting performing participants until February 10, two weeks before the show. If you already have signed up verbally please sign up again on the sign-up sheet so we don't miss anybody. Once you have signed up you will be receiving an email including more information on what will be needed from the performers for the sound set up and program lineup. If you have any questions please contact Aubrey Jenison, either by phone or email found in the church directory.

Branson Presidents Day Family Weekend Feb. 16-19, 2024

Branson Presidents Day Family Weekend is just six weeks away! Make plans to come and enjoy a mid-winter pick-me-up with brethren from around the country. We will again host this event from the **Grand Plaza Hotel at 245 North Wildwood Dr., Branson, MO.**

Dr. Ralph Levy from the Headquarters Office will be our guest speaker. Also, Mr. David Johnson and his wife Becky will also join us!

IMPORTANT: We will use online registration again this

year for email users. We are asking *everyone* planning to attend the weekend to please register. Simply [Click here for Online Registration](#) and answer the questions. Those without email should sign the list that will be available at services in your local congregation. For questions, contact Dennis Fultz at (479) 633-2777 or email dennis.fultz@cogwa.org.

Friday Evening Reception – Location/Grand Plaza Hotel 9th Floor -- The weekend will begin with a Friday evening reception for *everyone*. Come and enjoy good food and fellowship from 6 PM to 9 PM. In the Registration Form, you will find a place to volunteer to bring snacks for the evening.

Seminars – Location/Grand Plaza Hotel -- As usual, we have eight seminars planned for the Sabbath and nine planned for Sunday. You won't want to miss this!

Sabbath Services – Location/The Branson-Hollister Lions Club, 1015 E. State Hwy. 76, Branson MO.

- Dr. Ralph Levy from the Headquarters Office will be giving the sermon on the Sabbath.
- Services will be from 2 PM to 4 PM.
- We are planning to Webcast services and will send out the link in the coming weeks.

Catered Meal after Sabbath Services – Location/Lions Club

A signup list for the meal will be shared with everyone next week. Please stay tuned.

- The meal will be served from 5:00-6:30 PM
- Beef Brisket, Pulled Chicken, Cole Slaw, Cheesy Mac, dinner roll, drinks, and the famous Presidents Day Family Weekend Cupcakes!
- Cost for Children (12 and under) is \$8.00 per person, and Adults are \$11.00 per person.

Kids Carnival – Location/Lions Club -- The Kids Carnival will take place after sunset from 6:45-8:00 PM.

Family Dance – Location/Lions Club -- The family dance will take place from 8:15-10:15 Saturday night.

Grand Plaza Hotel Reservations: Call (417) 336-6646

Please identify yourself as COGWA-Presidents Day Family Weekend. If no one answers the phone, please try again later. You can begin making reservations anytime.

- Standard Double Queen: \$50 plus tax
- Standard King *limited supply*: \$50 plus tax
- King Suite (with hide-a-bed): \$70.00 plus tax
- Family (2 King Beds) *limited supply*: \$110.00 plus tax
- A *limited* number of handicapped-accessible rooms are available upon request.
- Mini refrigerator in all rooms.
- *Standard rooms do not have microwave ovens.* King suites and Family-sized rooms do have microwave ovens.

- Breakfast is included each morning.

Hope to see you all in
Branson! Dennis R. Fultz
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Presidents Day Family Weekend **– Catered Meal**

If you would like to take part in the catered meal that will take place after Sabbath services on 2/17 in Branson, complete the [meal form \(copies at the Information Center\)](#) and send it to Dennis Fultz ASAP. Your check *and the form* must be in the mail by February 5th for final numbers to be received in time. If you can get it into the mail sooner, it would be much appreciated.

Teen Formal – March 2 – “A Night Under the Stars in Mexico”

Attention all TEENS - You are invited to an evening of dinner and dancing! If you plan to attend please register at <http://www.cogwadalasprom.com>.

Also, PARENTS if you have a graduating senior PLEASE complete the questionnaire at this website for the “senior acknowledgements” portion of the evening which will take place after dinner just prior to the dance. REGISTER ASAP – The registration deadline is Feb 16.

If you have any questions please contact Rachel Hansen at rnhanzen1973@gmail.com.

Challenger Camp 2024

We are excited to announce that Challenger Camp is back! The current plan is to choose a new location each year to create

challenging experiences and build lasting bonds.

For this year’s camp, we are working on several activities centered around a base camp in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, running from June 23-30.

If you are between the ages of 18 and mid-30s and would like to get some dirt on your boots, please mark your calendars. Further information, including the date for accepting applications, will be announced soon.