

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 5:53 p.m. (ET), 5:44 p.m. (R)

Sabbath Services

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

Song Leader – Bryan Diaz

Pianist – MP3s

Sermonette – John Flynn

Sermon – Ken Treybig

Ruston: 1:00 p.m. Fairfield Inn & Suites

Song Leader – Chris Teague

Pianist – Johna Barnette

Sermonette – Dan Pierce

Sermon – Rod Gehrke

General Announcements

East Texas Variety Show!

The deadline to sign up for the variety show is quickly approaching! We would love to see your talents at the show, so please sign the list on the information table by February 10. If performing isn't your thing, please consider signing up as a sound, stage, or video helper. If you have any questions, please see Aubrey Jenison.

Friday Night Live

Jesus Christ had selected the 12 apostles to follow Him and to learn, grow and one day lead His Church. But on more than one occasion Jesus Christ had to admonish the 12 because of disputes they would have regarding which one of them would greatest.

What did Christ explain to them? And what mindset did He

admonish them to possess as future leaders of His Church? Join us on our next Friday Night Live, February 16, when we will answer these questions and then discuss their relevance to you, a young adult in the Church today.

To connect, go to <http://members.cogwa.org/fnl/>.

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

Plans are well underway for the 28th annual Presidents' Day Family Weekend in Branson, Missouri. The weekend will include seminars, activities and plenty of time for fellowship! You won't want to miss it.

IMPORTANT: Due to factors beyond our control, we will *not* be using the Grand Plaza Hotel this year as planned. I apologize to those who spent time—days, in some cases—trying to make a reservation. We have learned that the Grand Plaza Hotel will be closed for the foreseeable future.

What you need to know:

1. If you made a reservation with the Grand Plaza Hotel, *it has been canceled*. The Grand Plaza Hotel informed us that they did *not* charge a deposit on anyone's credit card, so you should *not* see a charge from the Grand Plaza Hotel. However, it is always good to monitor your credit

card statement (in case you provided your credit card information).

2. We have secured the Stone Castle Hotel and Conference Center at 3050 Green Mountain Drive in Branson. The hotel rooms, conference rooms and the breakfast area are located in three separate buildings on the same property, so there will be some walking between buildings. The property has two indoor swimming pools and the Tracks Family Game Room. Since this is an entirely new location, **you must call to make a reservation.**

- Standard double queen rooms with microwave/mini refrigerator are \$50 per night plus tax (\$56.18 total).
- King Jacuzzi rooms with microwave/mini refrigerator (limited supply) are \$70 per night plus tax (\$78.65 total).
- Family suites with two separate bedrooms and two bathrooms (good for a family) are \$100 per night plus tax. (Only two are available.)
- A hot breakfast (with turkey sausage) is provided each morning.
- To make reservations, call 800-677-6906 or 417-335-4700. The Stone Castle sales

Elders – Here to serve you

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team will only be in the office **Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Central time. If you call and they do not answer, *please leave a voicemail* with your name and phone number. If you call after 4 p.m. or on the weekend, please leave a voicemail with your name and phone number. *They will call you back.* You can begin calling immediately.

- Visit bransonstonecastle.com to view the property online.
 - Cancellation policy—if you need to cancel your reservation, you must do so 72 hours before your arrival date.
3. If you have *not* registered for the weekend, please begin by [CLICKING HERE](#) (or hit Ctrl on your keyboard and double-click the link). Registering helps our planning, and it takes less than a minute. Even if you plan to attend only Sabbath Services, please take a minute to register.
 4. If you want to participate in the catered meal after Sabbath services, please complete and mail your payment and the attached form **immediately**. *If you cannot afford the meal*, several have contributed extra to help. Email dennis.fultz@cogwa.org so we can add you or your family to the list.
 5. Have questions? Please contact Dennis Fultz at dennis.fultz@cogwa.org or call/text 479-633-2777.

An updated event schedule will be available next week and shared at Presidents' Day Family Weekend. We hope to see you there!

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.

FI Continuing Ed

Foundation Institute, Center for Biblical Education, is pleased to announce that this summer we will again hold two sessions of Continuing Education seminars at the headquarters office in McKinney, Texas.

Both sessions will be held in the Foundation Institute classroom, which has a capacity for 36 students.

The first session will be July 15 to 19, and the second session will be July 22 to 26. Classes will be taught by Foundation Institute instructors David Johnson and Ralph Levy, as well as other ministers from the headquarters office. Approximately 29 hours of Bible instruction will be taught. Details about class offerings will be announced at a later date. Class offerings will be similar for both sessions, but they may not be identical. Because of space limitations, students may be accepted for only one of the two seminars, not for both.

The tuition cost is \$100 per person, or \$150 for a married

couple. The fee will cover administrative costs and a light lunch each day.

Registration will open at 10 a.m. Central time (Texas time) on Sunday, Feb. 18, 2024, and will remain open until 10 a.m. Central time on Monday, Feb. 26. During this time you may sign up by going to the Foundation Institute website (foundationinstitute.org), selecting "Continuing Education" and clicking on the "Register Now" button.

This year we will use a similar system to what we used last year (2023) for accepting participants. All are welcome to apply, but priority will be given to those who have not attended a seminar since 2018. Last year all applicants were accepted, and it is our hope that this year we will again be able to accommodate all of those wishing to attend. But if it is necessary, this priority system will eliminate the first-come-first-served system and will prioritize those who have not attended a seminar since 2018.

Those accepted will receive a confirmation email and further details about the program. Information about local housing will also be sent to those accepted for one of the seminars.

We look forward to seeing you here in Texas for our 2024 Continuing Education seminars. As they say here in Texas, y'all come!