

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • April 20, 2024

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 7:52 p.m. (ET), 7:43 p.m. (R)

Sabbath Services

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

Song Leader – John Flynn

Pianist – MP3s

Sermonette – Bryan Diaz

Sermon – Mike Machin

Ruston: 1:00 p.m. Fairfield Inn

Song Leader – Chris Teague

Pianist – Johna Barnette

Sermonette – Video

Sermon – John Trotter

General Announcements

Excused Absence Forms

The sign up list is still at the Information Center if you need an excused absence form.

Sabbath School

We will have Sabbath School this Sabbath, April 20, after services.

Have your children get their snack and head to the classroom.

Children's Choir Practice

We will have children's choir practice this Sabbath after Sabbath School and the following Sabbath, April 27 as well.

The children will be singing on May 4!

Houston North's Black Tie Ball...Tickets Close April 21

The Houston North congregation cordially invites

you to its spring formal dinner-dance which will take place Saturday evening, April 27 at the Hyatt Regency North Houston (address: 425 N Sam Houston Pkwy E, Houston, TX 77060). A fine meal, dancing and fellowship at a beautiful location is a great way to rejoice with brethren at the end of the spring holy days. You won't want to miss out! Purchase tickets at: <https://buytickets.at/cogwablacktieball2024/1193755>.

In addition, the Hyatt Regency has graciously offered a room rate of \$99/night, including breakfast. If you call for reservations, reference COGWA to get this special rate. Otherwise, use this link to book: <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/HOUNH/G-COGW>.

Cocktails will be served at 6:00pm (cash bar) and dinner will be served at 6:45pm. During the cocktail hour, please pick up your meal tickets which are to be placed face up at your place setting so that the servers know which meal to serve you.

To provide more time between services and the event, services in the Houston North on April 27 will be held at **1:00pm** at 23300 Cypresswood Dr, Spring TX

Elders – Here to serve you

Ken Treybig, Pastor – (903) 714-3684

Mike Machin – (386) 931-1879

John Trotter – (903) 720-3490

Scott Hammer – (903) 738-5367

Melton McNeely – (903) 769-6849

77373. The drive between services and the event venue is 12 miles (about 20 minutes).

Questions about the event may be directed to the "event organizer" via the link at the bottom of the website page.

Holy Day Offering Envelopes

The Church of God, a Worldwide Association, Inc. has printed a supply of holy day offering envelopes for use during the fall holy days. The envelopes were mailed along with the voucher for our new booklet, *The Spirit World: Facts and Fallacies*. Using these envelopes for your holy day offerings makes processing much easier.

If older children turn in an offering separate from their parents, they are welcome to have their own envelopes. We are legally required to issue a receipt to the person whose name appears on the envelope. If parents want a child's offering added to their record, the parent's name must be on the envelope. If you do not want a receipt, please write "No Receipt" on the envelope.

Please clearly print your complete name and mailing address as they should appear on your contribution receipt. Please also include your donor envelope number, which was

printed on your annual receipt. If the envelopes you are using do not include a space for the donor envelope number, please write your donor envelope number beneath the date in the upper left-hand corner of the envelopes (see image below). This information should be filled in on the *printed* side of the envelope. This will enable us to include the holy day offering in your contribution receipt.

Most local church areas will be processing the holy day offerings locally, so please make sure checks or money orders are made payable to: **COGWA-East Texas.**

If you choose to include other funds besides your offering for this holy day (tithes, an offering for another holy day, etc.), please note that these additional funds will be treated as part of your offering for the specific holy day on which they were received. If you would prefer these additional funds be accounted as tithes or other offerings, then please send them separately.

Please remember that the seven annual holy day offerings are in addition to your regular tithes and offerings. Thank you for your generosity and your understanding.

Night To Be Much Observed

If you still need a place to go for N2BMO, please contact Rod or Violet Gehrke about joining the group at the church hall.

Passover

This year the Passover services will be tomorrow night, April 21. The service will begin at

7:45 p.m. in Ruston and at 8:00 p.m. in East Texas. The doors will open 30 minutes before the service in East Texas.

Foot Washing Assistance

If you will need assistance during the foot washing at Passover this year, please sign the list at the Information Center.

Days of Unleavened Bread

As usual, we will have one service on the first holy day of Unleavened Bread, Tuesday, April 23, in both congregations at our normal Sabbath service time.

Services on the last holy day, Monday, April 29, will be at 10:30 a.m. in both congregations. Afternoon services in Ruston will be at 2:00 p.m. (or sooner if everyone is ready) and at 2:30 p.m. in East Texas with a potluck meal between services.

Festival Registration

As was the case last year, Festival registration will again be two-tiered: **April 28** will begin registration for all members who plan to attend their *congregation's assigned site*. (We recently confirmed the assigned Feast sites for your local congregations in a previous email.) **May 12** will begin registration for all members requesting to transfer to a site other than their assigned site.

We want to make sure that all who wish to attend their assigned site have registered prior to May 12, when members can begin registering to transfer to the site of their choice.

It is essential that members make sure their portal account is up to date with all member

information, email address and any other details. If any members do not currently have an account in the member portal (portal.cogwa.org), we urge them to set up an account ASAP to prevent problems on the day of registration.

Webcast Policy

With a new general counsel for the Church a review was done of our policies, including webcasting. While this was mentioned years ago, every congregation that webcasts has been asked to post a visible notification that we are webcasting. In East Texas ours will be posted on the wall above the table holding our Information Center.

Camps Sequoia

From Paul Carter & Mark Whynaucht:

There seems to be some confusion about the Sequoia camps for this year.

The preteen and the teen camp will run simultaneously, starting on the same date. However, the camps will be operated separately. Everything for the two camps will be run separately, but the same facility will be used.

Families Glorifying God Weekend

The Twin Cities, Minnesota, congregation is planning its annual Families Glorifying God Weekend from April 26-28. The attached flyer has the schedule and more information. You can register by clicking on the following link: familiesglorifyinggod.org/.

The weekend will begin with a Friday night Bible study, and on Saturday there will be

workshops, Sabbath services, a catered meal, a variety show and—back by popular demand—a game show. There will also be activities for all on Sunday.

Since the Last Day of Unleavened Bread follows on Monday, April 29, we welcome all to stay and join us for the holy day.

Dave Myers will be our guest speaker for the Sabbath and for the Last Day of Unleavened Bread on the 29th, following the weekend.

Garage Sale

Several here in East Texas have asked if we were going to have another garage sale anytime soon. We've been back in touch with Rochelle Boyce (our 'garage sale queen') and she is available to come do a sale on Thursday and Friday, **May 16-17**. As you probably know, it takes quite a while to get everything ready--sorted, priced and properly displayed. Here is the timeline in advance of the sale.

Sunday, May 5 - Tables delivered to Vital Earth, donations received from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sorting, pricing and staging will take place the following week and a half.

Thursday & Friday, May 16-17 will be the garage sale.

If you have anything you would like to contribute to the sale, please set it aside and plan to bring it to Vital Earth on Hwy 80 in Gladewater on **Sunday, May 5!**

YALW in DFW Area

Attention all young adults: **SAVE THE DATES** of Aug. 30 to Sept. 2 (Labor Day Weekend)! We are planning a

national young adult weekend on the lake in the Dallas–Fort Worth, Texas, area. You won't want to miss this retreat-style event with opportunities to fellowship, serve and grow in a beautiful, secluded setting. Be on the lookout for more information coming soon!