

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • April 27, 2024

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 7:57 p.m. (ET), 7:48 p.m. (R)

Sabbath Services

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

Song Leader – James Richards
Pianist – Melissa Fulgham
Sermonette Dan Pierce
Sermon – John Trotter

Ruston: 1:00 p.m. Fairfield Inn

Song Leader – John Ivey
Pianist – Johna Barnette
Sermonette – Video
Sermon – Video

General Announcements

Children's Choir Practice

We will have children's choir practice this Sabbath, April 27, after Sabbath services.

The children will be singing on May 4!

Sabbath School

We will have Sabbath school next Sabbath after services, May 4.

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.

Days of Unleavened Bread

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*, New Braunfels for ETX and

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Branson for Ruston. **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.

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 early, 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!