

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • November 23, 2024

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Friday Sunset: 5:15 p.m. (ET), 5:06 p.m. (R)

Sabbath Services–

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

Song Leader – Wynn Worthen

Pianist – Melissa Fulgham

Sermonette – James Richards

Sermon – Steve McNeely

Ruston: 1:00 p.m., Origin Bank

Song Leader – Ken Treybig

Pianist – Johna Barnette

Sermonette – In Accord

Sermon – Ken Treybig

General Announcements

Regional Volleyball (Austin)

The regional weekend in Austin went very well. We appreciate the work the members in Austin did to help things run smoothly. Our adult team was able to pick up another lady and played well, winning two matches and losing one.

Mystery Dinner Cruise Announcement

Ahoy, Brethren! It's about time to set sail for a cruise to the Caribbean islands on the good ship "Lollipop" for an adventure in not only delicious dining but, also, devious deeds and diligent detecting.

Please plan to join us after sunset on Saturday, 7 December 2024, for an evening of family fun with plenty of puzzles to

solve between courses while dining.

Put your name on the signup sheet on the information table if you would like to cruise with us.

There are also signup sheets for those volunteering to bring food items and for those who wish to play characters in the mystery cruise event.

Volleyball Practices

We have one more practice on December 8 before the Houston regional event on the 14th and 15th.

FOI Fundraiser:

The Church of God, a Worldwide Association is once again sponsoring a Foundation Outreach International (FOI) fundraiser at the Winter Family Weekend (WFW). This year the order will be on-line with very limited items available on-site, so order during registration for WFW for delivery after you arrive at this year's WFW!

We will have three items:

1. Stainless steel 20 oz. white tumblers for \$20, with the WFW 2024 logo and WFW theme "Redeeming the Time" on two sides with full color. One size only: 20 oz.
2. Light grey youth hoodies for \$30, with the WFW 2024 logo on the left pocket area – and NEW for this year –

the WFW theme, "Redeeming the Time" on the back of the hoodie! Youth sizes: S, M, L and XL

3. For the adults, a light grey quarter zip jacket for \$35, that will have the WFW theme "Redeeming the Time" and WFW 2024 logo on the left chest area under the theme. Sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL

Orders must be placed by **Nov. 20, 2024**.

Winter Family Weekend

Winter Family Weekend (WFW) registration is now open via your COGWA Members Portal

<https://portal.cogwa.org/login>

Once you have registered for WFW, you should receive a confirmation email that will also contain a link for you to book your room at the Galt House Hotel (GHH). We've found that some of the confirmation emails are being designated as spam, so if you don't receive the confirmation email, please check for it in your spam/junk folder.

If you register for WFW and are planning on staying at the GHH, you must make separate reservations with the hotel. Please take note—the deadline

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for making hotel reservations is **Dec. 16.**

There have been some questions regarding the dates available for the hotel rooms. Please understand the GHH has default dates of Tuesday, Dec. 24, to Saturday, Dec. 28, that are posted when you arrive at the GHH group room landing page. If you use this default setting, the GHH will have you checking in Tuesday, Dec. 24, and checking out Saturday morning, Dec. 28. Please understand, the dates *can* be modified to your plans.

If you are using a desktop or laptop computer, simply select your arrival and departure dates, and then click the “Update” icon. If you are using a mobile device, you will see dates at the top of the screen with an “Edit” icon just to the right of the dates. Click on the “Edit” icon, select your dates, and then close out.

If you have questions regarding WFW registration or GHH reservations, please contact the WFW team at wfw@cogwa.org.

We look forward to seeing you at this year’s WFW!

WFW Hotel Reservation Announcement

Please take note—the deadline for making hotel reservations at the Galt House Hotel (GHH) is **Dec. 16.**

There are still some questions regarding the reservation details for the hotel rooms. As was explained in a previous announcement, the GHH group room landing page has default dates of Tuesday, Dec. 24, to Saturday, Dec. 28. If you don’t change these default dates, the GHH will have you checking in Tuesday, Dec. 24, and checking

out Saturday morning (by 11 a.m.) on Dec. 28. Please understand, the dates *can* be modified to fit your plans.

We encourage you to check your hotel reservation confirmation to verify what your check-out date is. If your confirmation shows Dec. 28 as your ending date, *this is your check-out date*. If you intend to leave on Sunday morning, Dec. 29, your reservation confirmation *must* have Dec. 29 as your ending date. We don’t want any of you to have the unpleasant surprise of not being able to access your room after 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 28, if you were intending to check out on Sunday, Dec. 29.

Modifications to your reservation can be made online or by calling 1-800-843-4258. If a reference code is required when calling, please use group code 122324WTR.

If you have questions regarding GHH reservations, please contact the WFW team at wfw@cogwa.org. We look forward to seeing you at this year’s WFW!

WFW Basketball Announcement

Attention all potential WFW basketball players and coaches! If you have not yet registered your team, the deadline to register is **Dec. 11.** We *will not* be able to add additional basketball teams to the court schedules after Dec. 11.

Basketball courts are shared with various activities needing court time, and we want to make sure schedules do not conflict. We really appreciate your prompt attention to register your team—it is helpful in organizing these special events.

Thank you in advance for your help!

WFW Scavenger Hunt Announcement

Ready to meet some new faces and find some interesting people? Consider joining the WFW Scavenger Hunt.

With activity-based tasks, biblical questions and quests requiring you to visit the gym and evening activities, the scavenger hunt is a great challenge for families, teens and adults alike. Prizes will be awarded for the teams coming in first place and second place.

If you are interested and have a team of three or more people—or if you would like to participate but don’t have a team—email Danielle Duncan at danielle.rehor@gmail.com. She’ll reply with details about how to participate.

WFW Webcast Information

We will once again be offering a webcast of Sabbath services from the Winter Family Weekend in Louisville, Kentucky, on the Sabbath of Dec. 28, beginning at 2:30 p.m. Eastern time. The webcast will be online 30 minutes prior to the start of services. Webcast streams will be available on Roku and on cogwa.tv.

We will also be providing a webcast for the Friday evening Bible study and Sabbath morning seminars. Webcasts will be online 30 minutes prior to their start. Webcast streams for the Bible study and seminars will also be available on Roku and cogwa.tv. The Bible study and seminar times can be found on the WFW website.

Please note that this information is for your

congregational planning. If you have any technical questions, please email Jerry Rehor at jerry.rehor@cogwa.org.

New to WFW this year— Bible Journaling class!

In our busy lives, distractions can often steal away the time God has given us. How can we reclaim that time and use it to grow closer to Him? We're glad you asked! Bible journaling offers a unique, hands-on way to dive into God's Word and bring Scripture to life in our everyday routines.

In this class, we'll consider and learn how to visually process sermon notes, studies and prayers in a meaningful way. You don't need to be artistic or creative—this class is about spending intentional time with God and reflecting on His Word in a way that works for you!

We had the wonderful opportunity to conduct this class at all our teen camps this summer, so we encourage all teens who participated to tell your fellow family members all about the class and what to expect!

Attendees will need a couple supplies for this class. We recommend a wide-margin journaling Bible, such as the Thomas Nelson *NKJV Journal the Word Bible*. We also recommend an archival-quality Micron pen. Both of these can be found on Amazon.

All other class supplies will be provided.

Plan to join us at this year's WFW Bible Journaling class, and let's discover how we can use our time to the fullest!

Winter Camp

Winter Camp is being held this year from Dec. 26, 2024 – Jan. 1, 2025. We have a need for more counseling staff for both girls and boys. If you are interested and could help in this way, apply at camps.cogwa.org.