

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • December 14, 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 – Scott Fulgham

Pianist – Melissa Fulgham

Sermonette – John Flynn

Sermon – Mike Machin

Ruston: 1:00 p.m., Fairfield Inn

Song Leader – Dan Pierce

Pianist – Johna Barnette

Sermonette – Dan Pierce

Sermon – Rod Gehrke

General Announcements

Friday Night Live

Adulthood: Are We There Yet? Presented by Scott Lord

Like infancy, childhood and being a teen, adulthood is a stage of life we all go through. But what is adulthood? When does it begin? Is it developmental or chronological?

What does the Bible say about adulthood? Can you know when you have reached it?

Please join Scott Lord Dec 20 for the next Friday Night Live.

Regional Volleyball (Houston)

Regional Volleyball will be in Houston this weekend, Dec 14-15.

Men's Leadership

Due to several members not being available, Men's Leadership Club for Dec 21, has been cancelled.

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship for Dec 21 will also be cancelled since the Men's Club won't be meeting.

Mystery Dinner Cruise Announcement

Please note the date change!

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, **18 January 2025**, 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.

WFW Escape Room-NEW

We have about 30 spaces available for the young adult

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

Escape Room activity, to be held from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 27. Due to the available spaces and the need to fill the activity, we are now opening up the activity to those age 18 and over. If you would like to attend, please go to your portal and update your WFW registration. The cost is \$20 per person. If you have any questions, please contact the WFW team at wfw@cogwa.org.

Addition to WFW: Pre-K Sabbath School Class

In past years our Sabbath school classes have been only for 5- to 12-year-olds. This year we have a new addition to WFW—a **pre-K Sabbath school class**! Please see the FAQs below regarding this class.

Q: What ages can attend this specific class?

A: Ages 3-4 who are potty trained. We will not be able to accept children who need diapers or pull-ups changed.

Q: When will this class take place?

A: The class will take place during the morning seminars on the Sabbath at the same time other Sabbath school classes are taking place. The class will run approximately two hours.

Q: Will there be a snack time?

A: Yes! Water, Goldfish crackers and a gluten-free cracker option will be offered. Please feel free to bring a water bottle with lid, labeled with your child's name.

Q: Will there be restroom breaks?

A: Yes! There will be restroom breaks with male and female adult supervision.

Q: Will there be sign-in/sign-out sheets?

A: Yes! Please make sure to sign in your child(ren) when you bring them to class and sign them out when you pick them up. There will be a table with an adult assisting with sign in/sign out at the door of the classroom. In order to get more accurate numbers for this class, we will be emailing those registered who have children ages 3 to 4. Please respond to the email if you are planning to have your child(ren) attend the pre-K level (ages 3-4) Sabbath school class. Also, please indicate if your child will need the gluten-free cracker option for snack. If your child has a food allergy that cannot be accommodated by the two cracker options, please let us know.

If you have one or more children between the ages of 3-4 and have not received an email about having them participate, please email kathleen.e.henry@gmail.com,

or zwharring@gmail.com to indicate your interest in the class for your child(ren).

WFW Cornhole Tournament

This year the cornhole tournament will take place on Thursday night from 9:30 to 11:59 p.m. in the Grand Hall.

You may sign up to participate in the tournament beginning Tuesday evening. All participants must sign up at the information table by Thursday at 12 noon so you can be bracketed properly. To aid in bracketing, in addition to listing team members and team name, please note your team's skill level where requested on the sign-up sheet. Space is limited to 24 teams, so be sure to sign up early. There will be prizes for the top three teams. See you at WFW!

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 of 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 and on cogwa.tv.

WFW Hotel Reservation Deadline

If you are attending this year's WFW and plan to stay at the Galt House Hotel, **reservations must be made by Dec. 16**. After this date, the reduced rate will no longer be available. For any questions regarding WFW or hotel

reservations, please contact the WFW team at wfw@cogwa.org

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

WFW Book Exchange

Attention, dear bookworms, from near and from far! We're hosting a book share—a book bazaar! Bring us your reads, both big ones and small, curriculum, self-help, or stories that enthrall. Biographies, tales, and homeschool finds—share them with others, expand curious minds! No books to part with? Oh, do not despair, take home as many as you dare!

The location's a mystery, we'll keep you in the loop, but likely it's near the info booth troop. So, mark your calendars, don't miss the fun, at Winter Family Weekend—books for everyone!

The table opens Tuesday at 8 p.m. and will remain open until Saturday at 10 p.m. Drop off your donations at any time. Thanks so much to all who will bring books to share.

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 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 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.

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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!