

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • January 18, 2025

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Friday Sunset: 5:39 p.m. (ET), 5:29 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 Trotter

Sermon – Rod Gehrke

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

Song Leader – Steve Barnette

Pianist – Johna Barnette

Sermonette – Video

Sermon – Mike Machin

General Announcements

Mystery Dinner Cruise

Ahoy! Saturday January 18 the Mystery Dinner Cruise will set sail on the "Good Ship Lollipop!" Due to sickness, a few spots have opened up on the fully booked cruise so if you wish to join us at the last minute for an adventurous trip through the Caribbean Islands, please do so!

Basketball Practices

We have reserved the Big Sandy Middle School gym for basketball practices this Sunday (19th), then February 2 and 9 from 9 a.m. till noon. Preteens, teens and adults can participate. Next weekend we will host the first regional weekend of this season.

Regional BB Weekend

Our regional basketball weekend is Jan. 25-26. For services we'll be meeting at **Maude Cobb Convention Center** in Longview and will move the time of services to **2:00 PM** to give families more time before preteen basketball games begin at Pine Tree Middle School that evening (7:00 PM). **Please take note of the change in time for services for that Sabbath only.**

2025 FOT Early Registration

We are planning to host the 2025 Feast of Tabernacles in Ashbourne, Ireland, and Cortona, Italy. While general registration for other COGWA Feast sites will commence in the spring, registration for these two international sites only will take place this weekend—**beginning this Sunday, Jan. 19, at 12:01 a.m. Central time, and ending at midnight on Monday, Jan. 20.**

Acceptances will be based on a lottery system, so there is no need to race to register—as long as you do so within the two-day period. We plan to give priority to those who were on the waiting list last year if you apply for the same site this year.

More information about these two Feast sites is available

on the COGWA Feast website (feast.cogwa.org).

IMPORTANT: *Before you start the registration process,* make sure you go into the portal and check that all the information for you and your family members and dependents is up to date. You will not be able to do this during the registration process.

Registrations will be accepted online only. When it's time to register, go to the COGWA portal (portal.cogwa.org) and log into your account. Then click the Feast registration button. **Make sure your email address is correct**, as this will be the address to which all communication will be sent. Then click "Next" to go to the Volunteer and Special Music sign-up page. Please confirm where you wish to volunteer. Then click the button to complete your registration.

After completing your registration, you will receive a confirmation email right away. If you do not receive that email, you may not have properly completed the registration process. (You might also check your spam folder if you don't see the email right away.)

Remember that you have 48 hours to register—from Sunday, Jan. 19, through Monday, Jan. 20. We ask that

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

those who register should be serious about planning to attend if accepted. Please don't attempt to "hold a space just in case I could go." Please count the cost first.

Each household with dependents must register separately. Please do not add other friends or family members who do not live with you or who have their own portal account. They will need to register separately. If you must travel and Feast together with others, and wish to be accepted or rejected as a group, please indicate this in the text box titled "*Other non-household members in your group*" at the bottom of the page.

We plan to notify all registrants of whether they have been accepted or are on a waiting list by Feb. 2. Those who are accepted will receive additional information.

If you want to register for one of these sites and do not have Internet access or need assistance registering, please contact your local Festival adviser (Tom Moffitt for East Texas, Ken Treybig for Ruston,, after services today.

Boot Scoot

It's time to dust off those boots! Please join us for Boot Scoot on Saturday, February 1, 2025 at Grapevine Convention Center, for a beef ribs or chicken dinner, dancing, and shopping at our silent auction.

All proceeds from the event go towards Church of God youth camps, providing financial assistance for campers and purchasing new equipment for various activities!

This year we are using a new registration system and each guest will receive a ticket that **MUST** be scanned when you arrive. Tickets cannot be purchased at the door.

Registration is now open at bootscoot.org! Thank you for supporting our event and the youth in God's Church!

2025 South Central Regional Teen Formal and Basketball Weekend – March 1-2

Teens! The Dallas, Texas, congregation would like to invite you to the 2025 South-Central Regional Teen Formal on Saturday, March 1.

We will be congratulating the graduating seniors this year with an English Summer-themed dinner and dance. The following day will be an opportunity to play in, support or just hang out at the last regional basketball tournament of the season. For more details and to register, please go to cogwadallasprom.com. **Registration (including payment) closes Feb. 9.** If you have any questions, please reach out to Katherine King at katherine.king@cogwa.org.

10th Annual Campout-Lake Corpus Christi St. Park

On the weekend of Friday March 21st through Sunday March 23rd the Corpus Christi congregation will be hosting their 10th annual Lake Corpus Christi State Park Campout. Lake Corpus Christi State Park is located about 30 miles north of Corpus Christi, TX.

Weekend activities will include a Sabbath Bible Study, campfire fellowship, and a telescope star/planet viewing party after the Sabbath ends.

Last year we had about 65 participants from 4 different church areas, this year we are hoping to host many more. This will be a great activity for hiking, biking, fishing, and fellowshiping.

We will be camping in individual campsites, and cabins, in the wooded area of the park. Each campsite has a picnic table, water, electricity, fire ring, and BBQ grill. **To reserve a campsite please contact Arnold Mendez, Sr directly. He has pre-reserved a group of campsites and he will assign you a site.**

There is a handout that is available on the information desk (or from the pastor), which contains more information. Or you may go the Corpus Christi COGWA website where an announcement is posted, and the handout can be downloaded and printed out.

If you have any question feel free to contact Arnold Mendez, Sr.

Email:

arnold.mendez@cogwa.org

Cell number: 361-442-8144

Branson Presidents Day Family Weekend:

The 30th annual Branson Presidents Day Family Weekend is February 14th-16th. We will again hold it at the Stone Castle Hotel & Conference Center at 3050 Green Mountain Dr. in Branson. What does the weekend offer? Friday evening reception with food, drink, and plenty of fellowship, eight seminars given on Saturday and Sunday morning, Sabbath Services, Catered Meal after services, Kids Carnival, Family Dance Saturday night,

Teen/Pre-teen Roller Skating Party on Sunday, final seminar presented by Dave Myers on Sunday afternoon, and we will wrap up the weekend with a Pizza Dinner, Games and Sing-a-long Sunday evening! We hope you will make plans to join us!

Standard Double Queen or King rooms with microwave/mini refrigerator are \$55 per night plus tax.

King Jacuzzi or King Suites with microwave/mini refrigerator (limited supply) are \$75 per night plus tax.

Hot breakfast (with turkey sausage & gravy) is provided each morning for hotel guests.

To make reservations, call 800-677-6906 or 417-335-4700. The Stone Castle Hotel is closed for the season until our event, yet the sales team will 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.

Please make your reservations by 2/12/25 and identify yourself with "COGWA"

Cancellation Policy

If you need to cancel your reservation, you must do so 72 hours before your arrival date.

Visit bransonstonecastle.com to view the property online.

Weekend Theme

"For You See Your Calling, Brethren"

Registration

Please register (if you haven't already) (Hold the Ctrl Button on keyboard and click on the link): [Branson Presidents' Day Family Weekend - 2025 Online Registration](#)

Catered Meal

We will enjoy a catered Meal after Sabbath Services at the Lions Club. The meal costs \$10 per child (12 yrs. and under) and \$12 per adult (13 yrs. and up).

Please print the attached Meal Form and mail your check-in as soon as possible. The form contains all the information regarding the meal (menu, etc.). If you cannot bring a check, please bring exact CASH to the dinner, and please note this on your form.

Many have donated extra money to help those who cannot afford the catered meal. If you cannot afford the catered meal, please email dennis.fultz@cogwa.org as soon as possible.

Teen and Preteen Roller Skating Party

We have a private indoor skating party planned for our teens and preteens at Skateworld in Branson on Sunday, February 16th. The party will be from 1 to 3 p.m., allowing those who would like to attend the final seminar of the weekend time to return to the hotel.

The cost is \$5 per teen or preteen, which includes skates. Rollerblades or skate trainers are an additional \$3 per person. Please bring a check (**payable to Church of God, Springfield**) or cash at the time of the event.

Parents are welcome to watch from the concession stand area

at no charge. Drinks and snacks are available at an extra cost.

Board Game Exchange

Attention board game fanatics! We will have a table in the Game and Fellowship room Saturday night where you can donate a game for someone else to take home and/or pick up a game you want to take home. If you don't have a board game to donate, that's ok. Maybe you will find one to take home!

Schedule of Events

Copies of the schedule are available at the Information Center.