

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

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Friday Sunset: 5:45 p.m. (ET), 5:36 p.m. (R)

Sabbath Services—

East Texas: Maude Cobb Convention Center, Longview 2:00 p.m.

Song Leader – Ken Treybig

Pianist – Melissa Fulgham

Sermonette – James Richards

Sermon – Dave Myers

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

Song Leader – Steve Barnette

Pianist – Johna Barnette

Sermonette – Dan Pierce

Sermon – Dave Evans

General Announcements

Mystery Dinner Cruise

Last week's social was a great success. Thanks to all who contributed—food, decorations, filling rolls as characters, and especially to Scott and Melissa Fulgham for all the work organizing and overseeing it.

Basketball Practices

We have reserved the Big Sandy Middle School gym for basketball practices Sunday February 2 and 9 from 9 a.m. till noon. Preteens, teens and adults can participate.

Regional BB Weekend

We are hosing the first regional basketball event this weekend. 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 this Sabbath only.**

Games will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Spring Hill High School gym, 2800 East George Richey Road, Longview. Concessions will be available in the lobby.

Practice for preteen cheerleaders will be held at the gym from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the hallway after the preteen basketball games. Any preteens who have not yet signed up are still welcome to participate in the performance on March 2nd.

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!

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

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!

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](http://BransonPresidents'DayFamilyWeekend-2025OnlineRegistration)

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.

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

Houston Music Festival

The Houston North congregation will once again be hosting a music festival at the Whitley Vineyards in Montgomery, Texas. The date is Sunday, May 25, 2025. Details are forthcoming, but we wanted to make sure you mark your calendars now for a full day of music and fellowship.

Continuing Education

Foundation Institute, Center for Biblical Education, is pleased to announce two summer Continuing Education seminars to be held at the headquarters office in McKinney, Texas. Each weeklong session can accommodate up to 36 students.

Dates

- **Session 1:** July 14-18, 2025
 - **Session 2:** July 21-25, 2025
- Classes will include approximately 29 hours of Bible instruction taught by Foundation Institute instructors David Johnson and Ralph Levy, along with other headquarters ministers and faculty.

Class offerings will be announced at a later date and will be similar for both sessions, though they may not be identical. Participants may attend only one seminar in the summer.

Registration Details

- **Opens:** Sunday, Feb. 9, 2025, at 10 a.m. Central time
- **Closes:** Monday, March 3, 2025, at 10 a.m. Central time
- To register, visit foundationinstitute.org, select “Continuing Education” and click “Register Now.”

Tuition

\$100 per person or \$150 per married couple. This covers administrative costs and a light lunch each day. Please do not send payment for tuition prior to being accepted.

Participant Selection

Priority will be given to those who have not attended a seminar since 2018. While we aim to accept all applicants, space limitations may require prioritizing new attendees.

If there are insufficient numbers to hold two sessions, the FI faculty reserves the right to cancel one session.

Acceptance

Accepted applicants will receive a confirmation email with program details, housing

information and tuition payment instructions.

We look forward to welcoming you to Texas for our 2025 Continuing Education seminars.