

# Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston Announcements • February 08, 2025

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Friday Sunset: 5:58 p.m. (ET), 5:49 p.m. (R)

## Sabbath Services—

### East Texas: 24345 County Rd

#### 3107, Gladewater - 2:30 p.m.

Song Leader – James Richards

Pianist – Melissa Fulgham

Sermonette – Bryan Diaz

Sermon – Scott Hammer

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

#### Inn

Song Leader – Ken Treybig

Pianist – Johna Barnette

Sermonette – Video

Sermon – Ken Treybig

## General Announcements

### Children's Choir

There is a date change! The children will be presenting special music the Sabbath of **March 8**. Stay tuned for details.

### Sabbath School

There will be Sabbath School after services this Sabbath. Please have your children get their snack right after services and come to the classroom.

### Men's Leadership Club

There will be Men's Leadership Club this Sabbath, Feb. 8, after services.

### Women's Fellowship

There will be Women's Fellowship after services this Sabbath, Feb. 8, after services.

There will be light discussion about a woman in the Bible of

each woman's choosing over a cup of tea.

It will be a tea theme so feel free to bring a choice of tea sandwiches, scones, or dessert. The tea will be caffeine-free, loose leaf so no worries about staying up until the wee hours of the morning.

### Final Regional Announcement: Teen Formal Registration

Teens and parents! Registration (and payment) for the 2025 South-Central Regional Teen Formal closes **Sunday, Feb. 9**. The teen formal will be held in Frisco the evening of Saturday, March 1.

For more details, including how you can request music for the night, please go to [cogwadallasprom.com](http://cogwadallasprom.com).

### Feast of Tabernacles in Cortona, Italy, and Ashbourne, Ireland

Those who registered for the Feast of Tabernacles in Cortona, Italy, and Ashbourne, Ireland, will be notified of their acceptance via email this week. Since we still have openings in Italy, and a very short waiting list for Ireland, we will be re-opening registration for these sites **beginning Sunday, Feb. 9, at 12:01 a.m. Central time**,

and ending at midnight on **Monday, Feb. 10**.

Acceptances for those who register on these February dates 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. More information about these two Feast sites is available on the COGWA Feast website ([feast.cogwa.org](http://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](http://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

### Elders – Here to serve you

Ken Treybig, Pastor – (903) 714-3684

Scott Hammer – (903) 738-5367

Mike Machin – (386) 931-1879

Melton McNeely – (903) 769-6849

John Trotter – (903) 720-3490

that you have successfully applied. 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, Feb. 9, through Monday, Feb. 10. We ask that 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 those who register in February in this second round, whether they have been accepted or have been placed on the waiting list by Feb. 19. 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 (East Texas) or Ken Treybig (Ruston), after services today.

## **Basketball Practices**

We have reserved the Big Sandy Middle School gym for basketball practices Sunday Feb. 9 and 23 from 9 a.m. till noon. Preteens, teens and adults can participate.

## **Branson Presidents Day Family Weekend -- Catered Meal**

If you are coming to Branson for the Presidents Day Family Weekend and can't afford the catered meal after services, we *have you covered!* Several brethren have donated extra meals.

Please email or text Dennis Fultz ASAP at [dennis.fultz@cogwa.org](mailto:dennis.fultz@cogwa.org) or (479) 633-2777 if you would like to put yourself or your family on the list.

## **Branson Presidents Day Family Weekend:**

The 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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://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](mailto: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 16<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### **FOI Embark Program Update**

Attention older teens and young adults: Get ready to embark on an amazing journey with our Embark program! On Jan. 19, our team held an informative meeting to share all the exciting details for potential participants. We covered the schedule for our cohort meetings, the preparation expected for each session and made sure that the timing fits their plans. To learn more about the Embark program, here is the link to the video of that meeting: [Embark Info Meeting.mp4](#).

If you are a young adult ready to take the next step, we invite you to sign up for this fantastic opportunity by watching the video above and then clicking on the link below and completing the requested information.

<https://foundationoutreachintl.org/projects/embark>

Then mark your calendars: Our first meeting is coming up on Feb. 23! To ensure you receive all the materials in time, we encourage you to sign up as soon as possible. We can't wait to have you join us in this transformative experience!

If you have any questions, please contact Rhonda Waddle at [rhonda.waddle@foundationoutreachintl.org](mailto:rhonda.waddle@foundationoutreachintl.org).

### **10<sup>th</sup> 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 fellowshipping.

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](mailto:arnold.mendez@cogwa.org)

Cell number: 361-442-8144

### **Save the Date!**

This year our Families Glorifying God weekend will be held over the Memorial Day weekend, May 23-25. The

theme will be “Safeguarding God’s Family Unit.”

Please join the Twin Cities, Minnesota, congregation for fun, fellowship and spiritual fulfillment! There will be something for the whole family.

Details will be coming soon! Please check our website ([familiesglorifyinggod.org](http://familiesglorifyinggod.org)) and our [Facebook page](#) for info in the coming months.

Hope to see you there!

## **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](http://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.