

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

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Friday Sunset: 7:56 p.m. (ET), 7:46 p.m. (R)

Sabbath

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

Song Leader – William Cooksey

Pianist – Melissa Fulgham

Sermonette – John Flynn

Sermon – Ken Treybig

Ruston: 1:00 p.m. Fairfield Inn

West Palm Beach Webcast

General Announcements

Local Social Calendar

The 2025-26 local social calendar went out with last week's Pastor's Update. Printed copies are also available at the Information Center.

COGWA Updates Newsletter

We are excited to announce the launch of *COGWA Updates*, a new newsletter designed to help members stay connected and informed.

- Each edition will bring you: Important announcements and upcoming events.
- Helpful resources you may not have discovered yet.
- The latest episodes of *In Accord* and *Life, Hope & Truth Presents*.

The newsletter will be emailed every two weeks. Members who are already signed up to receive member updates (such as emails for *In*

Accord and *One Accord*) will automatically receive *COGWA Updates*.

If you are not yet subscribed, you can sign up at <https://info.cogwa.org/subscribe-cogwa-updates>.

Our goal is to make it easier for you to keep up with what's happening in the Church and to provide tools that support your spiritual growth.

We hope you'll find *COGWA Updates* a valuable resource, and we look forward to sharing each issue with you.

Registration Closed for 2025 Challenger Camp

We're excited to tell you we have surpassed our planned size for this year's Challenger Camp, which will take place in northern Florida in late December. In fact, we had more people apply than we can take on the trip! Therefore, we are closing registration for this year's camp.

If you missed out on this one, start thinking about next year. We are already working on the details for a 2026 Challenger Camp, which will involve rock climbing in the beautiful Red River Gorge of Kentucky in the late spring. Nestled in the lush Daniel Boone National Forest, the gorge is home to the largest collection of sandstone arches

east of the Rockies and includes amazing rock formations. "The Red" consistently ranks among the top climbing and rappelling destinations in the world! Additional details will come later—we just want you to know there's more to come!

Winter Camp 2025

Cold weather ... perhaps even ice and snow! Doesn't that sound wonderful to many of us now, while much of our country is under a heat advisory? It can be yours if you apply to attend Winter Camp this December!

Registration for Winter Camp is now open. The dates are Dec. 28 through Jan. 4. That's right on the heels of Winter Family Weekend this year, but it's doable to attend both! The application deadline is Nov. 1 for staff and Nov. 15 for campers. You can find more details at the Winter Camp page:

camps.cogwa.org/camps/winter-camp/. You can apply at camps.cogwa.org/apply/.

Please do not make any flight reservations until you are accepted. We look forward to seeing you at Winter Camp!

Women's Weekend

Enrichment

Hello Ladies,

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

Mark your calendar for the Women's Enrichment Weekend with the theme "Strength and Honor are her clothing," hosted by the Houston congregations, on January 17-18, 2026 near the Conroe, TX area.

If you are interested in participating in the Special music on the Sabbath, please contact Cristy Hoaglund - Cristy@hoaglund.com. Please let her know how you are willing to serve:

- Ladies Choir (please share the part you sing)
- Instrumental Ensemble for services
- Small Vocal Group (share the part you sing)
- Soloist – selection you could present

We are planning a Meet & Greet on Friday, January 16, 2026 for those who will be in town and wish to participate.

More details will be sent before the Feast. Watch for registration to open after the Feast. A block of rooms at a reduced rate will be available near the venues. Housing with local brethren will also be available.

Receive email notifications regarding the event - <https://womensenrichmentweekend.my.canva.site/>.

We hope you are able to join us!

Teen Camp Change for 2026

As Doug Horschak announced during *In Accord*, this was the last year we conducted the Northeast teen camp at Heritage Reservation in southwest Pennsylvania. The primary reason we are moving the Northeast camp location is because the only dates Heritage

would be available to us are very late in the summer. By that time, many potential campers have already begun school activities, such as sports practices or band rehearsals, and some have already begun their regular school year.

We have deeply appreciated the service of Scott Lord and his wife Monica, who have directed our Northeast teen camp for the last decade of our 30-year history at Heritage Reservation.

We are pleased to announce that we have secured a new camp near Delaware, Ohio, about 20 miles north of Columbus. We will begin using this camp next summer—from June 28 to July 5. The camp is Camp Lazarus, a Boy Scouts of America facility, though we are currently calling it the Northeast Teen Camp until we decide on another name.

The camp will be directed by Chad Messerly, assisted by his wife Jen, who have been serving on the Camp Team for many years. As Mr. and Mrs. Messerly move into their new role, Zach Smith, assisted by his wife Emily, will become the director of preteen Camp Arrowhead.