

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • August 30, 2025

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Friday Sunset: 7:47 p.m. (ET), 7:38 p.m. (R)

Sabbath

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

Song Leader – John Flynn

Pianist – Melissa Fulgham

Sermonette – James Richards

Sermon – Mike Machin

Ruston: 1:00 p.m. Fairfield Inn

Song Leader – Dan Pierce

Pianist – MP3s

Sermonette – Dan Pierce

Sermon – Rod Gehrke

General Announcements

Excused Absence Forms

If you need an excused absence form for the fall feasts, please sign the list at the Information Center.

Local Social Calendar

The 2025-26 local social calendar is printed and copies are available at the Information Center.

LIFT App

The Life Insights for Teens (LIFT) app will release a new monthly lesson on Monday, September 1: “Character Lesson 4: Goals.” Caleb Froedge, pastor of the Wichita and Salina, KS, and Kansas City, MO, congregations, will present this lesson. We encourage all COGWA teens,

ages 13-19, to sign up for LIFT at lifeinsightsforteens.org.

Deacon & Elder Meeting

The next deacon/elder meeting will be Monday night, Sep. 8, at 7 p.m. in the church hall.

Children’s Choir at the Feast

Dear Parents,

We’re looking forward to having children’s choirs at the Feast this year! Preparations are once again being made for our children, aged 5 to 12, to perform special music at each of our U.S. Feast sites this fall. (Some English-speaking international sites may be able to do so as well.) This year the children will be singing a piece composed by Church members Emily Smith and Judy Troyer, titled “Seek First the Kingdom of God.” Many of our preteens have already learned this song at summer camp!

In order to make the process of obtaining a rehearsal recording and lyrics as easy as possible, MP3 rehearsal tracks and PDF copies of the songs are available to all who would like to participate. We are making this information available to everyone in COGWA, so you may download the music yourself.

The music is posted on the Feast website, but due to copyright issues, it is password-protected. To download rehearsal tracks and lyrics sheets, go to feast.cogwa.org/childrens-choir/ and enter the password **FOTmusic2025** when asked. Please note that the password is case-sensitive, so be sure to type it exactly as given here. Once you have logged into the children’s choir music page, right-click on each of the files and choose “Save link as ...” or “Save target as ...” to download the MP3 rehearsal tracks and the PDFs of the music.

We have permission from the composers to post these files and allow members who will attend the Feast with us to download and use them. However, we do **not** have permission to forward them to friends or repost them elsewhere. We ask that you share the password only with others planning to attend one of our COGWA Feast sites. Your help in respecting the copyright and royalty rights of the composer is greatly appreciated.

If you have musical questions, please contact Dave Myers at dave.myers@cogwa.org. Technical questions about

Elders – Here to serve you

Ken Treybig, Pastor – (903) 714-3684

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downloading and using the files should be directed to Ken Treybig at ken.treybig@cogwa.org.

We encourage all children in this age range to participate. Once at the Feast of Tabernacles, listen for announcements regarding when and where the children should meet in order to participate.

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 Enrichment Weekend

Hello Ladies,
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!