

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston Announcements • January 17, 2026

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Websites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 5:37 p.m. (ET), 5:28 p.m. (R)

Sabbath

24345 CR 3107, Gladewater

2:30 p.m.

Song Leader – William Cooksey

Pianist – MP3s

Sermonette – Adam Kahn

Sermon – Steve McNeely

Ruston: 1:00 p.m. Fairfield Inn

Song Leader – Steve Barnette

Pianist – Johna Barnette

Sermonette – Video

Sermon – Ken Treybig

General Announcements

Regional BB Weekend

Next Sabbath, Jan. 24, is when we host our regional basketball event. Please note we will meet at the Infinity Event Center, behind the Holiday Inn North at 300 Tuttle Circle. Services will start at 2:00 p.m.

That night we have a teen event running from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Film Alley, 3070 Eastman Dr. For \$18 they will get one hour of duck bowling, one hour of arcade fun plus a drink and popcorn. Sign up on this Google sheet. [Signup Sheet](#)

We will also have preteen basketball games from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. at Pine Tree Middle School Gym located at 600 Pine Tree Parkway. We are allowed to enter the gym 15 minutes early.

On Sunday we will have preteen, teen and adult basketball games at Spring Hill Schools from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The address there is 2800 E George Richey Rd, Longview. Concessions will be available in the lobby, including a new hot chocolate stand run by our teens.

Basketball Practices

Our remaining basketball practices will be Feb. 1, 8 and 22 before the teen formal and games the weekend of Feb. 28 and March 1. We practice from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Big Sandy Middle School Gym.

Life Insights for Teens (LIFT):

The LIFT app released a new monthly lesson on Monday, December 1: "Morality Lesson 4: Purity." This lesson will help teens learn about the biblical attributes of purity and how important it is to God. David Jackson, pastor of the West Palm Beach and Miami, Florida congregations, presents this lesson. We encourage all COGWA teens, ages 13-19, to sign up for LIFT at lifeinsightsforteens.org.

Boot Scoot

Please join us for **Boot Scoot** on **Saturday, January 31**,

2026, at the **Grapevine Convention Center** for an evening of great food, dancing, and shopping our silent auction. Guests will enjoy a delicious **beef ribs or chicken dinner**, lively entertainment, and fellowship.

All proceeds from the event support **Church of God youth camps**, helping provide financial assistance for campers and funding new equipment for camp activities.

Thank you for supporting Boot Scoot and investing in the youth of God's Church!

Register online at bootscot.org.

Variety Show

With the Variety Show coming up on Feb 21, plans are underway to make the evening a great success!

There are now sign-up sheets on the Information Table for performers, sound crew, stage crew and video volunteers.

The deadline to sign up is **February 7**, two weeks before the show.

Once you have signed up you will be receiving an email including more information on what will be needed from the performers for the sound set up and program lineup.

If you have any questions please contact Aubrey Jenison,

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Scott Hammer – (903) 738-5367

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Ken Treybig, Pastor – (903) 714-3684

Mike Machin – (386) 931-1879

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either by phone or email found in the church directory.

Teen Formal & BB

Teens! The Dallas, Texas, congregation would like to invite you to the 2026 South-Central Regional Teen Formal on Saturday, Feb. 28.

We will be congratulating the graduating seniors this year with an Arctic Winter-themed dinner and dance featuring aurora borealis. It'll be an elegant evening set in a frozen white landscape with silver, crystal blues and a hint of flowing greens, purples and pinks. Come sparkle and shimmer alongside the twinkling icicles and candlelight.

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 cogwadallasformal.com.

Registration (including payment) closes **Feb. 1**.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Katherine King at katherine.king@cogwa.org.

FI Continuing Ed

Foundation Institute, Center for Biblical Education, is pleased to offer two summer Continuing Education seminars at the headquarters office in McKinney, Texas.

Each weeklong seminar will be held in the Foundation Institute classroom (limited to 36 students per session) on July 13-17 and July 20-24, 2026. Instruction—approximately 29 hours of Bible classes—will be provided by FI instructors David Johnson and Ralph Levy,

along with other headquarters ministers and faculty. Class offerings will be similar between sessions, though not identical, and participants may attend only one session.

Tuition is \$100 per person or \$150 per married couple, which includes administrative costs and a light lunch each day.

Registration opens at 10 a.m. CDT on Sunday, Feb. 8, and closes at 10 a.m. CDT on Monday, March 2. To apply, visit foundationinstitute.org, select “Continuing Education,” and click on “Register Now.”

All are welcome to apply. As in previous years, priority will be given to those who have not attended a summer seminar since 2019. Accepted participants will receive a confirmation email after registration closes, along with details on housing and payment.

We look forward to welcoming you to Texas for our 2026 Continuing Education Seminars—y'all come!