

# Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

## Announcements • August 26, 2023

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 7:54 p.m. (ET), 7:45 p.m. (R)

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

Song Leader – Scott Fulgham

Pianist – Melissa Fulgham

Sermonette – Dan Pierce

Sermon – Ken Treybig

### **Ruston: – Fairfield Inn & Suites, Ruston - 1 p.m.**

Song Leader – Chris Teague

Pianist – Johna Barnette

Sermonette – Video

Sermon – Mike Machin

### **General Announcements**

#### **Excused Absence Forms**

If you need a fall feasts excused absence form for work or school, please sign the list on the information Table (one name per line please). We will have them available for you the next Sabbath.

#### **FT 2023 Jamaica Feast Site**

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The Feast site in Jamaica is still open for transfers! Due to having less transfers this year, the resort management has offered discounts for those interested. The room rate was \$200 per night for single occupancy, and \$180 per night per person for double occupancy. The resort is all inclusive, meaning all meals and beverages are included. They have now dropped the rate to \$180 per night for single

occupancy and \$160 per night per person for double occupancy, excluding the Vacation Nanny to tend to children from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. as explained on their facts sheet (accessible through COGWA's Feast website for Jamaica).

This deal is being made available until Sept. 5, so any who may be interested please make your plans as soon as possible.

#### **Newsletter Articles**

We could use more articles for the next local newsletter—especially the “My Calling” articles. If you have not yet written one, please consider sharing your story with all of us.

#### **Women's Fellowship**

During most months of each school year Men's Leadership Club holds meetings once a month. Many of the wives have asked for a way to have extra time together since they're staying anyway and last year we formed an informal group we named Women's Fellowship. While it started with the wives from the men in club we wanted anyone to feel welcome to join in, including children. There are no officers, no assigned speeches and no expectation to attend each time. We start each

year with a getting-to-know-you-better activity, food and then planning the remaining 7 meetings. We seek hostesses to take one of those months – to plan an activity, choose what food is needed and to communicate with those that want to be on an email list.

Our first meeting is this Saturday night about the time the Men's Leadership Club begins their meeting in the classroom. The ladies will use the back of the auditorium. Come join us!

#### **Hawkins Lake Day**

We have rescheduled our Lake Day event for Sunday, September 10 at the pavilion at Lake Hawkins. Please update your personal calendar and sign the list at the Information Center if you plan to attend. Prayers for some cooler weather would also be appreciated.

#### **2024 Calendars**

For many years the “God's Creation” calendars have been very popular. The 2024 copies are now available at Granary locations.

#### **Feast Children's Choir**

We are looking forward to having children's choirs at the Feast this year! Preparations are once again being made for children aged 5 to 12 to

#### **Elders – Here to serve you**

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participate at each of our U.S. Feast sites (and some of our English-speaking international sites). This year the children will be singing a piece composed by Church member Emily Smith titled “God’s Word Is a Map.” 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 get to the page and download rehearsal tracks and lyrics sheets, click here “[Children’s Choir](#)” and enter the password “**FOTmusic2023**” when asked. Please note that the password is case-sensitive, so be sure to type it exactly as given here (without the quotation marks). 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 composer 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 composers is greatly appreciated.

If you have musical questions, please contact Dave Myers at [dave.myers@cogwa.org](mailto:dave.myers@cogwa.org).

Technical questions about downloading and using the files should be directed to Ken Treybig at

[ken.treybig@cogwa.org](mailto: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.

### **Branson Update— New Facility**

Good news! We have a new home for the Feast in Branson. While the Yakov Smirnoff Theatre will be closed for repair through the end of the year, God has given us a new facility, the **Branson Hillside Theatre** (formerly the Welk Theatre).

The Hillside Theatre is a beautiful 2,200-seat theater with a large lobby and plenty of space for all our needs. We will have exclusive use of the theater for the time we are there. It has a restaurant that is open for breakfast and will be open for lunch on the two holy days. The theater is conveniently located 2 miles from much of our housing. The address is 1985 State Hwy. 165 in Branson.

God has truly blessed us with another home after the storm damage to the Yakov Theatre. Thanks to everyone for your prayers for God’s blessing in finding another location for the Feast. We look forward to seeing you all in Branson!

### **FOI Guatemala Dental Project 2023 Announcement/ Fact Sheet and Application**

Foundation Outreach International and the Church would like to announce an opportunity for up to four young adults to serve in Guatemala assisting in a dental project during the Guatemala yearly campout in late November 2023. The service project will end with hiking trips in the area surrounding Antigua, Guatemala.

If you are interested in this unique service project, please pick up copies of both the project fact **sheet** (which details requirements, dates and costs) and the **application from the Information Center**. The deadline for applying is September 9; however, the SOONER you apply the better, as we will be accepting people during the process! [So get your application in soon!](#)

FOI will host an information meeting on August 13 at 7 p.m. Central time. Please email [support@foundationoutreachintl.org](mailto:support@foundationoutreachintl.org)

### **Young Adult Leadership Weekend 2024**

Save the date! Our next Young Adult Leadership Week-end is scheduled to be held at five regional locations (California, Georgia, Missouri, Ohio and Texas) next winter over Presidents’ Day weekend. A team, of young adults will be working on helping us devise a theme and topics to address. We’ll have more details after the Feast of Tabernacles this fall. Mean-while, save February 17-18, 2024, for what will prove to be a weekend of spiritual enrichment and fun!

