

### Local Area Information

**Sabbath Services Today:** 2:00 PM WEBCAST  
**Services Next Week:** 2:30 PM  
**Future AM Services:** March 28

Sylvester Powell Jr. Community Center  
6200 Martway St,  
Mission, KS 66202

**Sunset Time:** 7:24 PM

#### HQ and Local Links to:

<http://cogwa.tv/> (Passcode is: fot)  
[KansasCity/ColumbiaArchivedMessages](#)  
[HQ Church Calendar](#)

#### Upcoming Events:

Southwest Regional Prom Weekend	March 14
FNL Bible Study	March 20
ILP Chile	Mar. 27 - Mar.30

#### Anniversaries for the Month:

Mark and Teresa Johnston	March 24, 1985
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#### Refreshments for March 21:

Drinks: T. Johnston  
Snacks: Castillo, Peterson, K. Anderson

**Please check to make sure that all snacks are peanut-free or not processed on equipment that packages any nuts.**

### Headquarters Information

#### HQ Announcements:

#### **Coronavirus Webcast:**

Dear Brethren,

In lieu of local congregational services in the U.S. tomorrow, March 14, the Church of God, a Worldwide Association, will be webcasting a live Sabbath message at 2 p.m. Central Daylight Time. Doug Horchak, Ministerial Services operation manager, and Jim Franks, president, will be presenting the messages.

You will be able to access the webcast simply by going to [COGWA.TV](http://COGWA.TV). No password is necessary. It will also be available on your ROKU channel.

We are offering a phone hookup option, for the benefit of those who do not have access to Roku or the [cogwa.tv](http://cogwa.tv) website. The process involves simply making a phone call and entering an access code to join a conference call. Keep in mind that long-distance charges may apply if you do not have unlimited calling. The connection details are:

**Dial-in Number:** 605-472-5473  
**Participant Code:** 130095

If you get disconnected for some reason, simply dial back in. The service is being offered by the East Texas congregation, so if you have any problems, feel free to call Ken Treybig for assistance at 903-714-3684.

#### **Statement from the Church on Coronavirus:**

The current global spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) is a stark reminder that we are living in an increasingly dangerous world. Events such as these can quickly threaten the health of millions while causing major disruption to the global economies in just a matter of a few weeks.

Even though the news is saturated with updates and information, we believe it is important to comment on this current situation and offer advice and reminders on how Church members should best respond.

We begin with our need to look to God, of course, and to trust Him for protection and guidance. We can never take for granted our freedom to attend church services—a privilege that could be taken from us on a moment's notice—and we certainly want to be able to convene and hold services without interruption on the Sabbaths, Passover and holy days in the weeks ahead. We believe our great God will continue to watch over and safeguard His people around the world, as we entreat Him for protection.

At the same time, we have a responsibility for one another and should carefully take appropriate preventative measures that lessen the likelihood of infection. We strongly urge everyone to practice the following hygiene

protocols in our homes, in our work places, at Sabbath services and at any other occasion:

- Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water.
- Sneeze or cough into elbow sleeve or tissue, not your hands.
- Wash hands immediately after sneezing or coughing.
- Avoid touching your face and mouth.
- Regularly use hand sanitizer.
- Disinfect surfaces frequently touched, including desktops, doorknobs, phones, keyboards, etc.
- Avoid contact with those who are sick.
- At our services, consider forgoing or limiting handshakes and hugs at services during this current coronavirus concern.
- Stay home if you or family members are sick. God's Word teaches the principle of quarantine when one has a communicable disease (Leviticus 13), so it is important to exercise caution and remain at home if you or someone in your family has a contagious illness.

When booking air travel (for the holy days, Feast of Tabernacles, or other occasions), we highly recommend you check on any restrictions or policies of the airline you plan to use. While purchasing travel insurance is an option, be aware that travel insurance is limited in its coverage, typically applying only to certain specific travel interruptions. The terms and conditions of the travel insurance policy control the coverage and benefits. Policyholders who have made travel insurance claims are often surprised at how limited the coverage is. Be sure to read the fine print when booking flights or considering travel insurance, to know exactly what is covered.

It is important for everyone to have clear understanding of the facts regarding the novel coronavirus. Following are helpful links from U.S. authorities. Please check your own government sources if you live outside the U.S.

- Centers for Disease Control (CDC) information and advice:
  - [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/home/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/home/index.html)
- Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) travel warning:
  - [faa.gov/news/updates/?newsId=94991](https://www.faa.gov/news/updates/?newsId=94991)

In summary, trust God, use common sense and exercise carefulness. This is a fluid situation, and we will communicate further with the Church as need dictates.

## Camp Application System Opens

For the past several months, we have been working toward a new application system for COGWA Youth Camps that will integrate with our database system. We are now happy to announce that the system will open at 10 a.m. Central Daylight Time on Sunday, March 15, at which time you can start applying for our 2020 camps.

You will start at the same place you've always gone—the COGWA Portal. When you log into the account, you will see the CYC application notice at the bottom left of your screen. To this point, everything will look the same. However, when you click on the "Apply" button, you will notice things starting to change.

The instructions in the blue box above your list of household members will be much larger with a lot more detailed instructions. We encourage you to read everything in that blue box **very carefully!** You will note several important points, including the following highlights:

- There are new forms spread across several pages and very little will be "pre-populated" (automatically filled in), so you will have to enter a lot of information for each household member this year.
- However, once you have entered that information for an applicant, applying for a second camp will be very quick. Whatever you entered will pre-populate any subsequent 2020 camp application—for that applicant.
- Please note, this will apply for **each household member individually.**
- This system will require you to upload a photo with **each application,** so you will need to have handy a recent full-face digital photo (taken within the last three months) to upload with each application.

We understand this will take a little more time this year, but it will allow us to pull that data into our new system to be able to pre-populate additional applications. The system is new, and though we have tested it extensively, it is quite possible that we may need to make a minor tweak here or there. Once we have this year's data and are comfortable with how the system is working, we will be able to address how much we can pre-populate forms for everyone next year.

We appreciate your patience in working with this new system. If you have any trouble or questions, you can contact us at [registration@cogwa.org](mailto:registration@cogwa.org), and we'll be happy to assist you.