Announcements for March 17, 2018

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR HICKORY:
UNLEAVENED BREAD TREAT BAGS:
It is time to think about what you can contribute to our unleavened treat bags for brethren who cannot make their own.
Please put your baked or purchased goodies in small plastic bags to be placed in a larger container for each recipient.
We have 6 singles, 3 doubles/couples and 1 family with children, so you can determine how many you will put in each bag.
Let's do this on the Sabbath of March 31.
A table will be set up in the back for your contributions to make the Holy Days more memorable for all.
Thank you for your help.

RALEIGH SNACKS
Since the first day of UB will be on a weekly Sabbath, we're planning to have special snacks. For all of us who like to bake, let's bring our special unleavened bread items.
If you're not a baker, lots of other items to bring such as fruits, salads, cheese. We will have take home containers available for any who want to take leftover snacks home with you.
Thanks,
Carol

PASSOVER
Charlotte: Passover will be held at the Hilton University at; 8629 J M Keynes Dr, Charlotte, NC 28262.
Boone: Passover in the Boone area has been canceled due to circumstances.
Hickory: Passover will be held at La Quinta Hotel 1607 Fairgrove Church Rd SE, Conover, NC 28613
Greensboro: Passover will be held at the regular church hall.
Raleigh: Passover will be held at Hampton Inn, 405 Hinton Oaks Blvd, Knightdale, NC 27545
All Passover services will begin at 7:45pm with the exception of Raleigh that will begin at 7:30pm.
PLANNING FOR NTBMO
It’s time to begin making our plans for our celebration of the Night to be Much Observed. This year the date is Friday evening, March 30th.

The plan for Hickory is to once again gather at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Plated Dinner choices are 8 oz. New York strip with herb butter ($22.79) or Chicken Piccata w/scallion caper sauce ($20.25). These prices include gratuity and sales tax. Each dinner will include Roasted Quarter Red Bliss Potatoes and Green Bean Almandine. All entrees include a mixed green salad, butter, coffee and tea. Please see the information table today and sign up as a guest for the Night to be Much Observed held at the Crowne Plaza Hickory. If you are interested in this, please see Martha Roark today if you have questions.

Also, folks in the greater Charlotte area are planning to meet together at a restaurant there. If you are interested in this, please contact Patrick Scarborough.

Greensboro. This year the Greensboro folks are meeting in smaller groups in homes. It is our understanding the most everyone has a place to be, but if you still have no plans for joining a group or family for this special evening, please let me know today. We don’t want anyone left out with no place to attend.

For folks in the Raleigh congregation, we currently have no plans for a group gathering as traditional we have all met in smaller groups in homes. If you still have no plans for joining a group or family for this special evening, please let Mr. Villaescusa or Mr. Kelley know today. We don’t want anyone left out with no place to attend.

FIRST DAY OF UNLEAVENED BREAD
The date is Saturday, March 31. Services in all three congregations will be at the regular church hall, and all services will begin at 1:30pm.

LAST DAY OF UNLEAVENED BREAD
The date is Friday, April 6. Combined services with Asheville and Hickory will be held at the Marion Freight Depot Facility located at 58 Depot Street, Marion, NC 28752. Services will be held at 10:30am and 2:30pm. Food may be brought into the facility for lunch, or there are many area restaurants.

Greensboro and Raleigh will have combined services once again at the Mebane Community Arts Center located at 633 Corregidor St in Mebane, NC 27302. Services will be held at 10:30am and 2:30pm. Food may be brought into the facility for lunch, or there are many area restaurants.
HOLY DAY OFFERING ENVELOPES
Please remember to secure your HDO envelopes where you will be sure to bring them with you to the Holy Days. We only have a limited supply of extra envelopes and depend on each member bringing their own envelopes. Now is a good time to put them in your briefcase, Bible, or purse where they will not be forgotten. Now is also a good time to know your personal member ID number that is requested to be put on the outside of the envelope. You can contact HQ if you do not know your member ID number.

YOUTH CAMP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE
2018 Camp Applications

The camp application system is now open. Simply go to your COGWA portal account, look under the Events area on the bottom left of your account main page and click on the “Click Here to Apply.” If you do not already have a COGWA portal account, go to the “Apply” page of the camp website (http://camps.cogwa.org/apply/) and click the link in the second paragraph for instructions on how to set up your portal account. Details about each camp can be found on the individual camp pages of the camp website.

Please note that we need a NEW photo (taken within the three months before an application is submitted) of each person that applies for camp to use in case of a medical emergency. If you need to upload a new photo, go to your portal account home page, find the name of the person applying for camp at the top right of the page under the “Household Members” heading and click the camera icon. Follow the instructions to upload a new photo and make that the default profile image.

We would also like to remind everyone that we want all COGWA attendees who wish to attend camp to have that opportunity. To help ensure that, we offer scholarship help (generally a partial tuition scholarship) to those who need it to be sure they can attend one camp this year. Simply contact the camp director to request a scholarship to get the process started.

Ken Treybig
CYC Overall Coordinator

FEAST OF TABERNACLES
The Church Member’s website now is updated with a listing of all the Feast sites we’ll be using around the world. The housing information should be available March 20th. Online Registration is set to begin April 1.

PASSOVER PREPARATION MEETING AFTER SERVICES
There will be a meeting with the Deacons and Elders along with a few other key individuals after services today in Raleigh to discuss Passover arrangements. Hickory and Greensboro will have their meeting after services next Sabbath.
HICKORY AND GREENSBORO FOOD DRIVE (only read on the 3rd Sabbath of the month)

Food Drive Announcement:

Remember, we have set the **FOURTH Sabbath** in each month to be designated for us to bring non-perishable food items to services. (This is a change from “Last Sabbath of the month”.

Fresh fruits and vegetables are greatly appreciated if possible along with organic honey, bouillon cubes, sauces, pasta, cereal and coffee among other items. It is greatly appreciated.

An area will be set aside for the food, which will then be available to any of our brethren that could use it at that time.

The remainder will be distributed to local food banks/agencies.

Thanks for your help.