Announcements for March 24, 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 1st Day of Unleavened Bread, next Sabbath 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.
Also a reminder: folks should either return their container to Carol Renegar, or use it for a refill. She keeps them all in a bag in her car and brings them in as needed -- we just do not have any room to store them in our cabinet in the back room. Also, we certainly thank everyone for all they prepare and provide for snacks.
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

PASSOVER ATTENDANCE REPORTING
Don't forget to plan to arrive on time allowing for traffic problems. You should plan to enter the building about 15 to 20 minutes prior to the start of the service and simply take a seat. An usher should be there to direct seating. The service will start at 7:45pm except for Raleigh which begins at 7:30.
Remember to bring a towel, your Bible, your personal hymnal, and in Raleigh only, you need to bring your own wash basin.

If for some reason you do not attend the actual Passover service at the location assigned for your congregation, it is very important for you to let me know where you were ASAP. Here are some possible reasons you might not be attending with the congregation that I would need to know:

- You are out of the area and attending with a local congregation in that area
- You are out of the area, but you took the Passover in a private setting
- You are out of the area, but was unable to participate in Passover due to circumstances beyond your control and need the 2nd Passover
- You had to take the Passover at home and completed the service. (Some of this is pre-arranged with me already. No urgent email necessary, but appreciate confirmation).
- You intended to come to local Passover services, but something happened to prevent you from attending. You need to take the 2nd Passover.

If one of these situations applies to you, then please contact me (Mr. Kelley) via phone, text, or Email as soon as you can reasonably do so. If I don’t hear from you by Friday afternoon, I will be attempting to contact you to find out where you were.

**PLANNING FOR NTBMO**

The date is Friday evening, March 30th.

The plan for **Hickory** is to once again gather at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

**Anyone who has not signed the list to attend the Hickory NTMBO dinner today is the last day. The deadline for payment is Monday, March 26th.**

**Charlotte** area residents are planning to meet together at a restaurant there. If you are interested in this, please contact Patrick Scarborough today.

**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 next Sabbath, 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.

FEAST OF TABERNACLES
Here is the announcement that should be made the Sabbaths of March 24 and 31:

ANNOUNCE: Festival registration opens on Sunday, April 1, 2018, at 10 a.m. Eastern time. We ask that ALL COGWA households please complete the online Festival registration—whether attending in the U.S. or internationally. If adult members in one household are attending different sites, they will need to register individually. We also ask that those NOT attending please register as well—this gives us more accurate figures for planning.

Beginning at 10 a.m. Eastern time on Sunday, April 1, members can begin accessing the http://feast.cogwa.org web page for Feast registration. The email address of the registrant will be used to identify that person’s or family’s registration account. After accessing the COGWA Feast web page, simply click on the “REGISTRATION” tab and begin the process. All registrants will receive an email verification immediately after completing the first step of registration. To complete the process, simply access that email, click on the link provided and finish your Festival registration.

« Members without Internet access should be assisted by their local Festival adviser.
Registration for satellite sites: As we have already mentioned, COGWA will be sponsoring two satellite Festival sites in southern Minnesota and southern Florida this year. These are restricted attendance sites designed for those members in that region who find it difficult to travel to their regular assigned Feast site (Branson, Missouri, and Orange Beach, Alabama). The members in those areas will receive further information about attendance requirements for those two sites; however, we want the rest of the membership to be aware that these two Festival sites are for those affected in that region, along with any family members who choose to join them.

Other important dates to be aware of:

- **March 20**: Housing information will be posted to the Church’s Feast website.
- **May 7**: Early housing reservations begin.
- **Mid May**: Festival assistance information and announcements will be sent to pastors.
- **May 14**: Regular housing reservations begin at 10 a.m. in the time zone of the Festival site/location.
- **Late June**: The majority of Festival assistance forms to be turned in to Ministerial Services.

Pastors and Festival advisers can always direct people to our Feast website (http://feast.cogwa.org) to answer specific, site-related questions. This site will continually grow in content between now and the Feast.

**YOUNG/ROBERTSON WEDDING**

“We request the honor of your presence at our marriage. Sylvia S. Robertson to Steve M. Young on Saturday, the 21st of April at 5 o’clock at the Kairos Community Church, 2317 Stanley Rd. Greensboro, NC. Refreshments immediately following. RSVP to Martha Roark at 828-244-4823 or email martharoark@yahoo.com.”