

Announcements December 15, 2018

TIME OF SERVICES CHANGES

Next Sabbath, all congregations will have services beginning at 2:30pm. We will be Webcasting from WFW in Louisville.

FRIDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY AT WFW

The Friday night Bible study webcast from WFW will start at 7:15 p.m. Eastern time next Friday night. This will be available via Cogwa.tv.

FOI AFRICA PROJECTS 2019 (this was sent to Young Adults in Email, but we were asked to mention it. Just summarize and ask if anyone interested)

Foundation Outreach International and the Church would like to announce an opportunity for up to four young adults to serve in two different educational projects in late July/early August of 2019 in the African countries of Zambia and Zimbabwe! For each of these projects, we are looking for two young adults from the Church of God, a Worldwide Association, who are interested in serving brethren in these developing countries. Each project will be a total of 12 to 14 days in length and will involve teaching English to our brethren in the rural areas of these countries.

We recommend you visit the FOI website (accessible from the COGWA members' website). If you are **seriously interested** in any of these unique service projects, please pick up copies of both the **fact sheet** (which details requirements, dates and costs) and the **ATTACHED FULL application**. Note: Please submit this FULL APPLICATION (available at the information table or attached to this email). **DO NOT** submit the short, interest application from the website. The deadline for applying is **April 5, 2019**, so get your application in soon!

If you have any questions about either of these projects, feel free to contact Doug Horchak at doug.horchak@cogwa.org.

WINTER FAMILY WEEKEND! (OK to skip most of this)

This year's Winter Family Weekend is just weeks away. Many of the same activities that have provided families with such an enjoyable few days together in the past are again planned for this year. At the same time, there are a few new additions. In some cases, it is very important that we have as accurate a count as possible in advance. For example, it is essential that we have an accurate count for the YALW reception on Sunday morning. What this means is, **if you plan to attend the Winter Family Weekend (WFW), please take a couple of minutes this week to register and be sure to fill in the areas you plan to participate in.** You can find registration information at <https://members.cogwa.org/wfw/> or go directly to the registration portal at <https://portal.cogwa.org/acct/>.

Attention young adults—high school grads up to 30-something:

If you have not already done so, we'd like to encourage you to register for and attend the **Young Adult Leadership** portion of this year's Winter Family Weekend, coming up next week in Louisville. Attached is a brochure that details the educational sessions that are featured for our young adults.

You'll notice that sandwiched in between the two keynote sessions—the Friday night Bible study by Mr. Horchak and the Sunday morning session with Mr. Franks—are separate sessions on Sabbath morning for single young adults and married young adults. We trust that you will find these sessions both inspirational and motivational.

If you plan to attend, please be sure to register in advance so we know how many to plan for. Click here to go directly to the registration page: [Register](#)

We look forward to seeing many of you next week!

Here are a few other items that will help you in planning and help us in preparing:

- The schedule of events is now available online at <http://members.cogwa.org/wfw>.
- This year we are offering a song leader/pianist workshop designed to help song leaders and pianists sharpen their skills. That will take place on Sunday evening, Dec. 23.
- Stay connected on any of the following:
Facebook: [facebook.com/cogwaWFW](https://www.facebook.com/cogwaWFW)
Twitter: @cogwa
Feel free to share with one another using #cogwawfw
- There will again be a clothing boutique for all mothers and grandmothers. If you have gently used children's clothing you would like to donate **or** if you need some gently used children's clothing, you can bring it and find it on Saturday night (Dec. 22).
- Don't forget the themes of the Saturday night dances if you are interested in possibly winning a free night's stay or cash.
- If you would like to sing with the choir or are interested in sharing special music, please contact Dave Myers at dave.myers@cogwa.org.

HEALTH AT WFW:

From Mark Winner, coordinator, Winter Family Weekend:

The Winter Family Weekend is a wonderful event for many in God's Church. It is the single largest gathering of Church members each year. It is with that in mind that we ask everyone to please use wisdom regarding illness. Should you become ill just before or at the event, we ask that you please quarantine yourself at home or in your hotel room rather than risk spreading the illness. There are elders available to anoint at the WFW should you have need. Thank you for taking the necessary precautions if you become ill.

HICKORY POTLUCK DEC 29

On December 29 there will be a potluck after services. The potluck will be traditional dishes enjoyed in American homes. There is a sign-up list on the information table to help avoid repeats of same dishes.

Desserts will be those enjoyed in other countries. There is an information sheet on the back table to help with ideas of what you should bring. There is also a sign up list. Please see Loma Miller or Diane O'Brian for details.

RALEIGH POTLUCK DEC 29

Raleigh will have a potluck meal after services on December 29th. Since we're in the middle of a cold and snowy winter, perhaps this would be a good time to be reminded of long hot summer days! So the menu for this potluck should include fried chicken, wings, potato salad, baked beans, and various desserts – maybe ice cream??

LADIES CLUB HICKORY

Today is the last meeting of this year for our Hickory Women's Club on the subject of 1 Corinthians 13, By This Shall All Men Know.

Don't forget to bring your memento and its story. A further description will arrive next week by email or hard copy.

LADIES CLUB RALEIGH

Has been rescheduled for Feb 2 with details to follow.

SQUARE DANCE

It's been 2 years since we had our last square dance, so we're going to go ahead and schedule another one for January 5 in Greensboro. We have a professional caller that we've had before, and he is a lot of fun and a great teacher! After services we'll have a hamburger/hot dog meal. Bring an electrical grill if you can. Then plan to stay over for an evening of square dancing fun. We'd like to invite our sister congregations to plan to come over and join in the fun if possible.

SUPER SOCIAL IS COMING! (skip most of Super Social announcement for now. Just reminder to register if they have not.)

Mark your calendars for the SECOND week of February – Feb. 8, 9, and 10, 2019, for the date of our next annual NC Super Social. Note this is 2 weeks earlier than normal. Our entire event will be held again at the Greensboro Holiday Inn Airport: 6426 Burnt Poplar Road. Greensboro, North Carolina. 27409. This is just off I 40 (Take Gallimore Dairy Rd). All meals will be provided so there will be no meal preparation, serving, or cleanup on our part. We'll just have fun, fellowship and spiritual education! The meals include a fabulous Friday night dinner featuring chicken piccata and prime rib followed by a dessert reception. A full breakfast is provided by the hotel at no additional cost each morning. Lunch on Sabbath will be various finger sandwiches and veggie trays. Saturday night dinner is pizza, wings, and salad.

The total cost per person that will cover all meals and all events at Super Social will be \$40.00 per person, \$20.00 for age 12 and under. Under 2 is free.

Cost of lunch and dinner on Sabbath only will be set at \$20.00 per person, \$10.00 age 12 and under. There will be no other divisions of fees.

Payment may be sent beginning now to Greensboro Treasurer, Sylvia Young. The address is: 6636 Hudson Chapel Road; Catawba, NC 28609. Checks payable to: Cogwa Greensboro. **We encourage you to send payment soon for planning purposes.**

This year our guest speaker from Headquarters will be Dr. Ralph Levy. He will conduct a Sabbath morning Seminar, the Sabbath sermon, and a Sunday morning Seminar along with Q & A. A block of rooms has been made available, and you may start making reservations on Monday, Nov 19th. The rate is \$79.00 per night plus tax. The phone number to call is: 336-668-0421. Please mention "Cogwa Super Social 2019" for the discounted rate.

Activities on Saturday night will include glow in the dark miniature golf, karaoke, games of skill, Family Feud, corn hole toss, 1 or 2 inflatables for the kids. Also table games in the hallway.

We need at least 100 people to attend the Friday night dinner which is what we had last year. Our hope is several more will plan to attend this year!

Please plan to attend this very special event. We have put a lot of work into the planning and it should turn out to be one of our best socials ever.

SUPER SOCIAL CHOIR

If there is anyone else who has not already contacted Mr. Braswell, we are making one final attempt to recruit volunteers to sing in our combined choir for Super Social. Please see Mr. Kelley or contact Mr. Braswell if interested.

KELLEY'S AT WFW

Nancy and I will be leaving for WFW Thursday afternoon, and returning Thursday evening December 27. After leaving WFW, we will be heading to Ohio for one day to visit with family. For emergency situations and anointing's, the following Elders will be available: Steve Villaescusa, Greg Swartz, Cecil Maranville and Arnold Burns.