

Announcements February 2, 2019

RETIREMENT:

Congratulations to Carl Fields on his retirement, effective February 1st.

HICKORY CHURCH HALL SOFA's & CHAIRS:

Just a heads up, Marketplace Church will be removing the couches and can-chairs from this space in the next few weeks in preparation for the changes to this space for their children's ministry. You may wish to bring a soft cushion for more comfortable sitting on the current folding chairs we use.

HICKORY CLOTHING SWAP:

“FROM ME TO YOU CLOTHING SWAP”

The Hickory Ladies Club is sponsoring a clothing swap schedule for Saturday, March 23rd. We ask all participants to bring (10 items or less). Items must be in very good condition and laundered. There will be areas set up to place your items 1 hour prior to service. Please bring clothing on designated date of swap. If you have any questions, see designated coordinators Martha Roark or Gale Maranville.

Further information is available on the information table.

LADIES CLUB RALEIGH

Our first Ladies' Club for 2019 will be held 20 minutes after services today. (This is to allow for a short choir practice immediately after services.)

The topic is "The Heart of a Servant Leader." We hope all ladies and teenage girls will attend.

BIBLE STUDY AFTER SERVICES

Bible Study will be 10 minutes after services today in Hickory and Greensboro

RALEIGH POTLUCK AND BINGO NIGHT

Mark your calendars for February 23rd for Raleigh's potluck and Prize Bingo Night. As done in previous years, each person who would like to participate should bring a wrapped gift. The gift should not be expensive and can range from a really nice gift or a funny gag gift. The item will need to be wrapped in some way. There will be a prize for the most creatively wrapped gift. We look forward to seeing you there.

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL PROM

The COGWA Nashville congregation invites teens and their families to a weekend of fun at the Southeast Regional prom weekend March 8-10, 2019!

Families of teens were emailed information Thursday afternoon. If you did not receive this information, please notify Mr. Kelley

FI SUMMER CLASSES AT HQ (not necessary to read through – just mention)

The faculty and administration of Foundation Institute are excited to announce the dates of this summer's FI Continuing Education seminar. These weeklong seminars held each summer in the FI classroom have been very successful in providing an additional opportunity for biblical education for those who are able to attend. A number of people plan to return every year for the classes and fellowship.

This year we will be offering one seminar in the new building, which is in McKinney, Texas. The seminar will be five days long, beginning on Monday morning and ending on Friday afternoon. The dates are July 15-19, 2019. The seminar will offer 29 one-hour classes taught by a variety of instructors and administrators from the headquarters office. The cost for the classes is \$75 per person or \$125 per couple. As in the past, we plan to provide a light lunch each day at no additional charge.

Because of the move to the new building, we will not open registration until the month of February. This will allow us to ascertain the capacity of the classroom and know how many students we can accept, prior to registration. We will make a follow-up announcement explaining the registration procedure shortly after the office move is complete.

Thank you for your interest and support for Foundation Institute

FEAST IN ITALY – (ASK IF ANY INTERESTED, IF NOT, DON'T READ)

Announcement:

While general registration for all other COGWA Feast sites will commence in April, registration for the Feast of Tabernacles in Cortona, Italy, will take place much earlier. Cortona registration will be on Sunday, Feb. 10, beginning at 10 a.m. (Central time).

If you are planning to register for Cortona, take time in advance to make sure you have an account setup in the COGWA portal system. (The web address for the portal is <https://portal.cogwa.org>.)

Also, please **make sure the email address in the portal system is your current email** and that all information for family members and dependents is up-to-date.

Registrations will be accepted online only. If you are planning to register for Italy and do not have Internet access or need assistance registering, please contact your local Festival adviser, _____, after services today.

On Sunday, Feb. 10, plan to sign in to your portal account at or after 10 a.m. (Central time). At that time the Feast registration button will become available under the "Upcoming Events" section. You may need to refresh the page for it to appear. Click the button to begin the registration process. **Make sure that you complete the registration fully by clicking the "Submit Registration" button.**

All successful registrants will receive a confirmation email right away. If you do not receive that email, you may not have properly completed the registration process. (You might also check your spam folder if you don't see the email right away.) **Please note: This confirmation email does not mean you are accepted.**

Within five days you will be notified by email whether you have been accepted or whether you are on the waiting list for Cortona, Italy.

If you are planning to register for Cortona, Italy—be sure to get a copy of the REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS from your Festival adviser or pastor. These instructions will assist you in properly completing your registration.

Because of limited seating, only members who are accepted will be able to attend services in Cortona.

We are accepting members for Cortona based on the time order of their online registration, giving priority to those who were on the waiting list for Cortona last year and were unable to attend. Those who attended in Cortona last year will be accepted after those who did not attend. This seems to be the fairest way for everyone. But it means that Cortona may not be the best site for you if you want to attend the Feast together with a large number of extended family members or friends. We are not able to accept group registrations. Valid registrations will be single households—adult(s) and any dependents.

Special note: If you registered last year and were unable to attend, you MUST STILL REGISTER before registration closes. You will not be automatically registered. Registration will close on Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 5 p.m.

If you have any questions about registration, please see your local Festival adviser or your pastor.

SUPER SOCIAL IS NEXT WEEK!

If there are some who cannot afford the meals, there are those who will help subsidize payment according to needs. Simply let Mr. Kelley know you would like to come, but need help paying for the dinner and/or Sabbath meals.

It is imperative that everyone who wants to come enjoy any of the meals with us that you notify us that you are coming. Only enough food for those who have said they are coming will be prepared so you cannot partake of the meal if you've never notified us you were coming or there won't be enough for those who registered. We will be giving our final count to the Holiday Inn midweek.

Also, we have some members who might like to have a ride to the Super Social and others who are able to provide rides for you. So if you would like to come, but simply don't have transportation available, would you please let an Elder or Mr. Kelley know today? We will do our best to help provide transportation for you. This year our guest speaker from Headquarters will be Dr. Ralph Levy. He will conduct a Sabbath morning Seminar beginning at 10:30am. Sabbath services will be held at 2:30pm and Dr. Levy will have the sermon. On Sunday morning, Dr. Levy will have another seminar along with Q & A beginning at 10:00am.

The Friday night banquet will be served buffet style and the serving line opens at 6:00pm, and will remain open until approximately 8:00pm. The dessert reception next door will begin around 7:00pm

Dr. Levy's subjects include the duality of prophecy in the Old Testament on Sabbath morning, and exploring some end time prophecies and what we should be looking for. He is planning on accepting your questions about prophecy, so please plan for that. This will be held on Sunday morning.

For lunch on Sunday, many of us will plan to meet together at the J & S Cafeteria located at 5835 Samet Drive, High Point.

Remember – there are NO local services in Hickory or Raleigh next Sabbath.

WEBCASTING SERVICES AND SEMINARS:

There are a few families who are simply unable to make the trip to Greensboro for Sabbath services or Super Social due to health or financial reasons and who will therefore also not be able to participate in the seminars even though they would love to be there.

We have notified Dr. Levy and he has given approval for not only his sermon to be Webcast, but also the two seminars. There would be no posting of the seminars online and no copy would be kept. This information is only to be known about by those in our local congregations and should not be publicly shared on any social media. You will see no special mention of the seminars online, except the link will become active shortly before the start of the seminars. The seminars will be conducted at 10:30am Sabbath morning, and 10:00am Sunday morning. The location is the same as logging on to the Sabbath webcasts, and the password is the same as well. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Tom Burrow.

NO NEED TO READ ANY OF THIS – KEPT HERE FOR REFERENCE ONLY

The date is the SECOND week of February – Feb. 8, 9, and 10, 2019, for our annual NC Super Social. 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 for those staying there 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 should be sent to Greensboro Treasurer, Sylvia Young. The address is: 6636 Hudson Chapel Road; Catawba, NC 28609. Checks payable to: Cogwa Greensboro.

The phone number to call the Holiday Inn for reservations is: 336-668-0421. Please mention "Cogwa Super Social 2019" for the discounted rate. **The room block was extended and now ends Monday, January 27.** The rate is \$79.00 per night plus tax. Activities on Saturday night will include glow in the dark miniature golf, karaoke, games of fun and skill, Family Feud, corn hole toss, inflatables for the kids. Also we'll have table games and cards in the hallway.

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.