

## **Announcements February 16, 2019**

### **HAVEN SWANSON FUTURE PLANS**

Haven is going to be attending part time with us and part time with the Asheville congregation as she is starting a new chapter in her life. She states: I'll be starting an internship at Knox Law under an elder law attorney in Hendersonville, NC, and will be headed there today right after church! I'll be starting the internship on Monday as well as working at the Starbucks there so I can continue my online classes with Arizona State University.

### **CARD SALE UPDATE TO FOR BENEFIT OF FOI IN HAVEN'S NAME**

For those of you at Super Social, you know we had very nice handmade cards put together by the ladies in Hickory available for purchase. The funds raised by the sale of these cards was donated in Haven Swanson's name who is participating in a half-marathon race in Pittsburgh, PA that is raising money for the FOI Scholarship Program. A total of \$648.00 was raised for the scholarship fund in Haven's name. Thank you for your support!

### **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 LOST AND FOUND:**

Marketplace Church staff have found a blue journal here and is asking if anyone from our group has lost a blue journal. It will be over at the sound booth.

### **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.

### **HICKORY TIME OF SERVICES**

A decision has been made to start having services at Hickory begin at 10:30am every week instead of changing. This is effective beginning this week.

## **MEN'S CLUB**

We will have Men's Club after services today in Raleigh, and after services next Sabbath in Hickory and Greensboro. There are no assignments this meeting as the format will be lecture and discussion.

## **RALEIGH POTLUCK AND BINGO NIGHT**

Next Sabbath, February 23rd is the date 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.

This year we would like to include a special addition to our Raleigh Prize Bingo Night. While everyone will need to bring a wrapped prize for this evening, some people may be interested in thinking a little bit more outside the box when decorating their prize. For those interested in doing so, please consider enrolling your prize in our decorating contest. This contest will include the following categories: the silliest, the most unique, and the most creative. Participation in the contest is not required to join in the bingo game, just for those looking to go above and beyond. Thanks!

We look forward to seeing you there.

## **RALEIGH TIME OF SERVICE CHANGE**

Services will begin at 3:00pm in Raleigh on Feb. 23 because of the potluck and social.

## **GREENSBORO TEMPORARY RELOCATION**

Beginning on Sabbath of March 2, Greensboro will begin holding services at the Gate City Vineyard Church located at 204 S Westgate Dr, Greensboro, NC 27407. We are doing this because the new owners of this building will be doing renovations that will take approximately 3 months to complete. The new owner is Grace Life Triad Church. The Pastors are a husband and wife team; Brian and Ashley Clark. They have graciously agreed to allow us to continue meeting here, so nothing will change for us except the look of the building.

While we are at the Vineyard Church we will have access to the entire facility. Please be sure to look up the address prior to Sabbath afternoon so you will know where the facility is. It's only 3.7 miles from our current location – about a 12 minute drive in normal traffic.

## **NIGHT TO BE MUCH OBSERVED**

Now is the time for all of us to begin making our plans to celebrate this very special evening. The date will be Friday evening, April 19<sup>th</sup>. Currently there are no plans to have a catered meal at any central location, so the plan is for some to host smaller groups in their home. This is often the preferred way of celebrating by several members. The idea is to include everyone in the planning and preparation as well as the enjoyment of the evening together. It is a very special observance commemorating the Israelites march to freedom from slavery in Egypt and today our deliverance from the enslavement of sin.