

## **Announcements February 23, 2019**

### **DEATH OF NORMAN MILAM**

We received word yesterday of the death of Norman Milam. He had been in failing health for a long time suffering from the effects of Parkinson's Disease. He and Pat were members of the Hickory Church for many years before moving to Bluefield, WV.

### **DEATH OF DON MATER**

Many of you knew Don and Alice Mater who used to attend here several years ago and then moved to Colorado. We received word this week that Mr. Mater died after a long illness.

### **DELLA ROTH COMMITTAL SERVICE**

This is a reminder that the final committal service for Della Roth who died last year will be held Monday morning at 10:00am at the VA Cemetery, 501 Statesville Blvd, Salisbury, NC 28144. Ray requests those attending to gather about 15 minutes prior to the service at the main entrance and we'll go to the gravesite from there.

### **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.

### **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.

### **LADIES CLUB**

Ladies Club will be held after services on March 9

### **APPLICATIONS FOR FI**

Foundation Institute is pleased to announce that we have accepted the first 13 applicants as students in next year's program. More applications are currently in process and we hope to accept a second group of applicants prior to Passover.

Those who wish to attend next year and have not yet submitted an application should consider doing so soon. While our classroom capacity will be greater in our new facility, and the official deadline for applications is May 31, there is still the possibility of reaching capacity prior to the deadline. Early applications also enable us to make sure we have adequate student housing available. While we will accept applications after the deadline as long as there is room, we cannot promise housing for those who apply after that date.

Applications and admission information is located on the Foundation Institute website.

### **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.

### **VINEYARD CHURCH POLICIES**

The Vineyard Church has graciously allowed us to use their facility on a temporary basis while the renovations at Grace Life are underway. It is our intent to leave a very good impression with them so that we may be allowed to use the facility again at some point in the future when Grace Life might not be available for a particular Sabbath or Holy Day.

While we are there, we will be asking you to please take extra care to keep things nice and in order. It is a larger facility with lots of hallways and rooms and it may be tempting for our younger folks to go exploring. Areas outside the main sanctuary and lobby area should be considered off limits without parent or adult supervision. The stage is strictly off limits as there is expensive musical and sound equipment on stage.

### **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.

I would highly suggest making your plans very soon.

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.