

Announcements March 2, 2019

GLORIA WILLIAMS

Gloria Williams, a shut-in member of the Hickory congregation, had a bladder biopsy yesterday afternoon to check for possible cancer. It will be a couple of days before any results are known. Your prayers for her healing are appreciated.

NEW OFFICE BUILDING OPEN!

From Jim Franks:

On Wednesday, Feb. 27, we loaded everything from the Church office in Allen, Texas, and transported it the 6 miles north to McKinney! It actually took two days to move everything from the old office to the new one. On Friday, March 1, we opened the new office for business, although most of the day was spent unpacking! We plan to open classes again for Foundation Institute on Monday morning in our brand-new classroom!

Thank you for all your prayers and support! It has been a long journey, but we have arrived at a significant point in our short history. Our new address is:

3701 Medical Center Drive
McKinney, TX 75069

Our phone numbers are the same, and we are keeping our post office box in Dallas for donations. We will be changing our Allen post office box to a new one in McKinney for letters and other mail.

We are planning an open house on Sunday, April 7, for local members in the Dallas, Fort Worth and Sherman congregations. It will be from 3 to 5 p.m. and will be a casual walk-through for those interested. We still have several items to take care of, and more furniture to be delivered before everything will be completed. We are hopeful to have most of it done by the open house.

After the open house, we are also planning a formal dedication of the building at the beginning of the International Ministerial Conference, which is scheduled for May 20-21. The dedication will be on Sunday evening, May 19. With ministers and wives from around the world in town for the conference, we anticipate more than 300 people will be in attendance, which will strain the capacity of our facility, but this is a very special occasion. Any local members who desire to attend the dedication are certainly welcome.

REMINDER OF GRAVESIDE SERVICE FOR NORMAN MILAM

We will have a graveside service for Norman at 1:00pm, Wednesday March 6th Here are the details:

Date: Wednesday March 6; Time: 1 p.m.

Location:

Memorial Funeral Directory, Inc.
654 Athens Road
Princeton, WV 24740

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 - GREENSBORO

Ladies Club will be held after services on March 9. Mrs. Kelley will be conducting the meeting. It will be more of a discussion group. Please think of any ideas you may have about a future Ladies Club.

RALEIGH COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED

We are in need of coffee/snack volunteers in Raleigh. Please email Carol Renegar this week or talk to Bill today to volunteer.

MEN'S CLUB DATES

Hickory – March 23

Raleigh – March 30

Greensboro – April 6

The topic will be from Lesson 7 of the Christian Leadership Training Manual and will cover the subject of the 4 tools of Christian Growth: Prayer, Bible Study, Fasting and Meditation. If you would like an assignment, please see your club President to volunteer.

HICKORY POTLUCK

Our next potluck social will be next Sabbath, March 9th.

It will have a Spring theme, offering a chance to use up leavened products before the Holy Days.

Main dishes, salads, desserts and drinks are needed as usual.

There is no sign up since you know the drill; just bring a generous supply.

Plan to stay and enjoy Southern food and friends.

Organizers are Ethel Baker and Annie Lail.

SUMMER CAMP APPLICATIONS

Camp Application System Open

The camp application system is open and active as of March 1 at 10 a.m. There was a slight makeover of the website, and the camp details for 2019 were made available on the site in mid-February. You may now start applying for the camp(s) of your choice by clicking the “Apply Now” button on that camp’s web page. Alternatively, you may also begin by logging into your Portal account (<https://portal.cogwa.org/acct/login.php>) and looking for the “Click Here to Apply” button on the bottom left of the home page.

Please note: The system was changed this year to **require** that a new photo (taken within the last three months) be uploaded and the date entered before you will be allowed to fill in an application for camp. Just click on the red camera icon to the left of the “Enter Applicant Details” to upload a new photo and enter the date it was taken.

FOI AFRICAN EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

Greetings from Allen, Texas!

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.

Thank you all very much!

FOI GHANA SUMMER CAMP PROJECT

Greetings from Allen, Texas!

Foundation Outreach International and the Church would like to announce an opportunity for up to four young adults from the Church of God, a Worldwide Association, to serve at our youth camp in the West African country of Ghana in early August.

We recommend you visit the FOI website (accessible from the COGWA member website). If you are **seriously interested** in this unique service project, please read through the **fact sheet** (which details requirements, dates and costs) and fill out the **ATTACHED FULL application**. Note: Please submit this FULL APPLICATION (also available at the information table). **DO NOT** submit the short, interest application from the website. The deadline for applying is **April 15, 2019**, so get your application in soon!

If you have any questions about this project, feel free to contact Doug Horchak at doug.horchak@cogwa.org, or Tom Clark at thomas.clark@cogwa.org.

Thank you all very much!

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.

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 19th. 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.