

Announcements November 9, 2019

UPDATE ON STEVEN MILLER

Steve and Brenda Miller's son, Steven, Jr. has been in the hospital since April and has had very long and difficult illness. He will finally be coming home this Monday, but will need continual home care for some time to come. The Miller Family appreciates your prayers and concerns during this difficult time.

FISH FRY AT THE LAILS

Ellis and Annie Lail will once again host a Fish Fry at their home in Conover on the evening of Sabbath, **December 14th**.

NOTE: There was an initial mix-up regarding the date of the Fish Fry. This is why you may have seen on the online schedule that a Fish Fry was scheduled for November 16th. That's where the mix-up was. This has all been corrected. Hickory will have services at the normal time on November 16 – 10:30am and Greensboro will have services at the normal time of 3:00pm

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GREENSBORO AND HICKORY CHANGE TIME OF SERVICE DEC 14

Greensboro services will be at 10:30am and Hickory will be at 3:00pm. This will be to accommodate the Fish Fry that will take place after services in Hickory on December 14th.

HICKORY - SHARE THE JOY PROJECT

Over the next four weeks during your personal study time, I'd like to ask everyone to write 6 to 8 encouraging and valuable lessons they learned at this past Feast. Please write these on a note pad, letter, card, computer print-off, or something else and bring them to services. They will all be collected by November 30th by Kristin Bettes. Next, we will be mailing them to numerous shut-ins across the nation to SHARE THE JOY from your Feast Inspirations with those that didn't get to go to the Feast, but can still benefit from our experiences.

Thank you for your help with this project.

HICKORY - COMBINED LUNCH WITH CINDY AND CARD MAKING PROJECT

November 24th has been set as the date to go to have a combined lunch with Cindy McCauley and Card Making Project.

Lunch with Cindy:

We're asking everyone to arrive by 10:30am so we can all have some time to visit with Cindy and join for lunch at 11:00am.

Card Making Project:

Then, at noon, we will start breaking into groups to begin making greeting cards. These cards will be sold at the Super Social Weekend of February 7, 8 & 9 with all proceeds going to help off-set the costs of this sponsored annual event we put on each year. We already have brethren committed to joining us from numerous surrounding states for a weekend of inspiration, fun and fellowship.

Your help is needed for the card making portion. We have simplified the process this year with only two card styles being produced. We have a goal to make 300 cards for this project.

HICKORY SOCIAL NOV. 30

Hickory will be receiving the live webcast from Greensboro's Sabbath Services on November 30th for a 3:00pm service. The guest speaker in Greensboro will be our Regional Pastor, Mr. Jim Haeffele.

Since we are having a later service in Hickory, it seems a perfect time for a church social. Since we just returned from the Feast and we all have Memories to share, we plan to combine a Post-Thanksgiving meal with Feast Memories.

We ask that you bring good leftovers from your Thanksgiving dinner. If you have no leftovers from Thanksgiving bring a favorite dish of two.

Even though our potluck theme will be Post-Thanksgiving foods, our table themes will represent Feast sites.

We need (six) volunteers to help decorate tables of the Feast Site they attended. If you would like to set up a table with Feast décor, please see Martha Roark.

As an entertainment, Kristin Bettes will offer a slide show of favorite Feast photos from the brethren. Please begin forwarding your favorite Feast photos to Kristin Bettes (via email or thumb drive).

Please mark your calendars and plan to stay for fellowship, sharing of Feast stories and viewing of fun Feast photos.

WINTER CAMP

Attention All Teens:

The time has come to apply for Teen Winter Camp 2019. The application deadline is Nov. 15. For more information, please go to: camps.cogwa.org/camps/winter-camp/

We look forward to seeing you there!

WINTER FAMILY WEEKEND

Winter Family Weekend 2019 is just around the corner, and we are excited to announce that registration will open on Monday, Nov. 4! This year, Winter Family Weekend will run from Tuesday evening, Dec. 24, through Saturday night, Dec. 28, and will once again be held at the beautiful Galt House Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky.

Many of the fun activities we have all come to enjoy are once again planned for this year! For most of the activities, it is important we have an accurate count in advance. So, if you plan to attend this year's Winter Family Weekend, please take some time to login to the member portal to register and select the areas you plan to participate in.

For more information, we have provided a fact sheet that details more about the weekend. Also feel free to visit the WFW website (<https://members.cogwa.org/wfw/>) or the COGWA WFW Facebook page (facebook.com/groups/cogwawfw) for updates and additional information.

We are pleased to offer two webcasts from the Winter Family Weekend this year:

- Friday night Bible study (Dec. 27 at 7:30 p.m. Eastern).
- Sabbath services (Dec. 28 at 2:30 p.m. Eastern).

We will begin livestreaming 15 minutes before the start time each day to give everyone on the receiving end time to adjust audio/video settings. The webcasts can be accessed by visiting cogwa.tv and clicking on the large “Winter Family Weekend” banner at the top of the page.

MEN’S CLUB PHASE 2

The next phase of our Men’s Club is going to begin next month. Raleigh will have Men’s Club on December 7, and in Hickory and Greensboro on December 14. As previously discussed, we are going to cover the topics in the Christian Leadership Training Program again. However, rather than having the material provided to you for the topics session and the speeches, you’ll be asked to prepare your assignment based on the overall topic of the class alone. So for example, our club in December will be covering again the topic of “The Heart of a Godly Servant”. A topics session should be prepared asking questions dealing with this subject. The speech will also be about this specific topic as well.

If you would like to volunteer for an assignment in the upcoming Club, please see your local President. In Raleigh, Josh Lambert; in Greensboro, Lee Dolby, and in Hickory, Wayne Roark.

EVALUATING CAMP DICKENSON INTEREST

We are approaching the time when we must make a commitment on whether or not we are going to have Camp Dickenson next August. The proposed date would be August 7-9, 2020. Repeating some information from last month, we found there had been improvements in the facility and more planned. We are also planning to have Camp Staff prepare the majority of our meals at a small cost of \$7.00 per person per meal. This will provide extra time for relaxation and fellowship. Basic costs are \$20.00 per person per day, so the estimated approximate cost for a couple staying the weekend and having 4 prepared meals and use of the pool would be around \$145. Note this is only a current estimate and subject to change. There is no charge for children age 5 and under.

When we conducted the social survey recently 28 households said they would most likely attend Camp Dickenson if we held it again. We would like to verify this number. Therefore if you believe you will most likely plan to attend Camp Dickenson next year, would you please send an email or text message to Mr. Kelley advising him that you plan to attend? This will help us know for sure that we continue to have enough interest to go ahead and make our deposit.

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES

Our next congregational Bible Studies will be held after services today in Raleigh, and in Hickory and Greensboro, next Sabbath, November 16.