

## Announcements December 21, 2019

### **HICKORY ANNOUNCEMENT:**

#### **Luncheon & Card Making Activity:**

The Luncheon & Card Making Activity originally planned and cancelled due to illness at Barbara & Cindy's home is back on the schedule. The new date is Wednesday, **December 25<sup>th</sup>**. This gives the Hickory ladies the opportunity to fellowship and participate in creating cards for our local congregation.

If you would like to participate, please arrive at 10:30am, lunch will **start at 11:00/11:30am**. After a quick clean-up of food, we will begin the card making activities **at 12:00/noon**. We anticipate card making activities to take about 2 hours.

The address is:

**5116 Hurricane Hill Road  
Granite Falls NC 28630**

Your fellowship and participation are very much appreciated by Cindy and Barbara. Please see Martha Roark if you plan to attend and for meal planning information.

### **HICKORY SABBATH SCHOOL CLASSES**

There are now have enough young children ages 12 and under to begin a Sabbath School Class in Hickory. We would like to offer this as an opportunity for our young people to meet and get to know one another (make bonding relationships) as well as reinforce what you parents are teaching them biblically. These classes will be held once a month on a trial basis to see if there is interest. If there is room to grow, we can extend the classes possibly to twice monthly, inviting volunteers to assist with classes. If our interested in having your children to participate, please contact **Martha Roark**.

### **GREENSBORO BOWLING SOCIAL DATE CHANGED TO JANUARY 4!**

We will have the opportunity for extra fellowship as we try our skills at bowling.

We know many of you enjoy bowling and we've had a bowling social every winter for the past few years. The date for this year will be January 4 at the regular location of Triad Lanes, 21 Oak Branch Drive, Greensboro. For additional information, please contact Bev McKnight.

Even if you don't bowl, please come and cheer for the bowlers! It's always a very fun evening for everyone!

### **HICKORY POTLUCK/FEAST SOCIAL**

The Feast of Tabernacles has come and gone for the year. Nevertheless, there are many memories and photos we all have to share. The Hickory congregation is planning a Feast Memories and Potluck Social for January 18th, to be held after Sabbath services. There will be a presentation of the Feast photos and video clips submitted by many of you. Please plan to stay and share in the fellowship to reminisce of fond Feast memories.

See **Kristin Bettes** if you're interested in assisting with the Table Decorations or Potluck preparations.

See you all there!

## **RALEIGH SOCIAL/FUNDRAISER PLANNED**

Foundation Outreach International, which is affiliated with the church, helps sponsor projects around the world such as youth educational scholarships; summer camps; dental care in Rwanda and English language classes in several African countries. Our desire is to raise money to help out.

The plan is to have a potluck after services in Raleigh, on January 25th, 2020, followed by a Bring & Buy Sale/Auction fundraiser.

We hope by now you have selected the items you would like to donate. These should be divided into the following categories, \$1, \$2 and \$5 and brought on the 25th.

More expensive items will be auctioned. Please email Margaret Villaescusa asap ([pearlgrace@hotmail.com](mailto:pearlgrace@hotmail.com)) and let her know any items you would like auctioned and if you would like to stipulate a minimum bid. Homemade cakes, cookies or other handicrafts are among the items that can be auctioned.

We kindly ask that at the end of the evening, you retrieve any items you donated that didn't sell and take them home.

An alternative way to contribute is to bring your loose change, and drop it in our loose change jar.

We are planning to have a few special activities for the children that evening, too.

We hope you can come and enjoy this special event with us.

## **NOTE: WE WILL PLAN TO START SERVICES AT 2:30PM JAN 25**

Thank you,  
Margaret Villaescusa.

## **RALEIGH PHOTO ALBUM**

We are currently working on producing a combined family album for Hickory, Greensboro and Raleigh.

Beginning this Sabbath and for the next few weeks, Wesley Wood will be taking individual and family photos after services in Raleigh. We would like to complete this process by the middle of December, so please try to have your photograph taken asap.

Thank you.  
Margaret Villaescusa

## **FOI Africa Projects: Summer of 2020**

Greetings from McKinney, 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 2020 in the African counties of Zambia and Zimbabwe! We are looking for young adults from the Church of God, a Worldwide Association, who are interested in serving brethren in these developing countries. Projects involve teaching English to our brethren in the rural areas of Zimbabwe or Zambia. Participants for both projects will be gone a total of 12 to 14 days.

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 3, 2020**, 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](mailto:doug.horchak@cogwa.org).

Thank you all very much!

## **WINTER FAMILY WEEKEND**

### **WFW Arrival and Check-In**

Those attending the WFW in Louisville need to be aware that, when arriving at The Galt House Hotel, you will need to proceed to the newly renovated West Tower (formerly called the Rivue Tower). Check-in, bell service, self-parking and valet are all now located in the West Tower. The hotel has closed the East Tower (formerly called the Suite Tower) lobby for renovation.

### **New announcement**

#### **ILLNESS AND WFW:**

The Winter Family Weekend—the single largest gathering of Church members each year—is just a few days away. This event is a wonderful time for many in God's Church to get together and enjoy learning, fellowship and activities together! With these things in mind, we request that everyone please use wisdom regarding illness. Should you become ill just before or at the event, we ask that you please quarantine yourself at home or in your hotel room rather than risk spreading the illness to others. There will be elders available to anoint at the WFW if anyone has need. Thank you in advance for taking the necessary precautions if illness occurs.

### **Song Leaders and Hymn Accompanists,**

If you're planning to attend this year's Winter Family Weekend in Louisville, consider setting aside time on Wednesday evening, Dec. 25, to attend our second seminar for you!

Two of our longtime field pastors and their "hymn accompanist wives" (Dave and Teddi Treybig and Doug and Janel Johnson) will once again be sharing guidelines and instruction on this important aspect of our Sabbath services.

Last year's workshop served as an introduction. This year we will continue to develop skills and implement hands-on practice. No matter your skill set (beginner or well-seasoned), we plan to demonstrate tips and methods to help you fine-tune and hone those aptitudes.

We'll have two separate (but simultaneous) workshops from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The Johnsons will be conducting the hymn accompanist workshop in the Nunn Room, while the Treybig's work with the song leaders in the Breathitt Room at the same time.

Thank you for your continuing service to God's people. We look forward to working together to be more effective in that service, following this year's theme, "The Spirit of Unity."

## **WEBCAST**

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](http://cogwa.tv) and clicking on the large "Winter Family Weekend" banner at the top of the page.

## **SABBATH SERVICES NEXT WEEK**

Sabbath Services in all 3 congregations will begin at 2:30pm. Each congregation will be receiving the live Webcast from WFW in Louisville. I would like to remind us all that part of our Sabbath command is to assemble with others of like-mind on the Sabbath and worship God together as a Church Family. Deciding to simply stay home and watch the Webcast out of convenience only, is not really appropriate. We should all plan to attend services if possible and enjoy the fellowship of the Church Family.

## **LADIES CLUBS COMING UP**

### **RALEIGH:**

The next Ladies Club for Raleigh will be January 11th. All ladies and teenage girls are welcome. The theme is Pitfalls of Service. Please see Mrs. Villaescusa for any details.

### **HICKORY:**

After services today, Hickory will have their next Ladies Club meeting. The theme will be "Overcoming Anxiety".

The meeting will be held 10 minutes after services today, please be prompt. Gentlemen, please let the ladies go through the snack line first today. We ask that the men please take their snacks and fellowship in the back. Ladies you're ask to bring a note pad and pen for note taking

## **MEN'S CLUB**

The date for the next Men's Club has been set for Feb. 29<sup>th</sup> in Raleigh and March 7<sup>th</sup> in Hickory and Greensboro. Please see your local club President to volunteer and for further details.

## **SUPER SOCIAL CHOIR**

Mr. Bill Braswell needs more people to sign up for the choir that will be doing a performance at Super Social. The chorale piece chosen is not difficult and you should have no problem learning it. He has the music and the parts available to send to you. If you could please come up after services and see me, I will provide you with Mr. Braswell's contact information.

## **REGISTER NOW FOR SUPER SOCIAL!**

Registration and complete information regarding activities and fees has been sent to your email, and there are copies available for those without email on the information table.

It's VERY IMPORTANT that you please take the time to register for our Super Social now. We need to make plans for the number of people we will have attending. Registration forms were emailed to you, or are available on the information table.

You can also access the Registration form from the Cogwa Member Website by going to Church Calendar and clicking on NC Super Social.

Registration is VERY LOW so far, and we really need everyone to PLEASE go ahead and register. It would be helpful to at least let us know of your INTENTION to attend, even if you aren't able to make payment for another few weeks. You can contact Sylvia Young via the information provided on the Registration form.

Please make plans to participate in Super Social this year and have a wonderful time together.

## **KELLEY'S OUT OF TOWN**

The Kelley's will be heading out for WFW on Monday, Dec. 23; heading first for one day in Columbus, Ohio before heading to Louisville on Tuesday afternoon. We will be returning home on Sunday, Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>.

During our absence, the following Elders are still here and available to call for anointing or other emergency situations:

- Tom Burrow
- Steve Villaescusa
- Arnold Burns

I will be available via text, phone calls, or email as necessary.