

Announcements January 25, 2020

STEVEN MILLER JR. UPDATE

Steven did make the trip to the hospital last Wednesday for IV Antibiotic therapy, however after 2 hours of trying, the medical team was unable to find a vein despite their best attempts. Steven was sent back home. The family is running out of treatment options and unless God intervenes, the prognosis is not good. At this point, they are simply going to keep Steven as comfortable as possible. Steve and Brenda said to tell everyone how much they appreciate all the prayers of love and support for them and for Steven and to please keep it up.

RALEIGH PHOTO ALBUM

There are still a number of individuals and families who have not had their photograph taken for the family album. Please see Wesley Wood as soon as possible, so he can wrap up this project.

Margaret Villaescusa

MEN'S CLUB

The date for the next Men's Club has been set for Feb. 29th in Raleigh and March 7th in Hickory and Greensboro. The topic of the meeting will be pride vs. humility. Please contact your local club President for any questions about assignments.

MEETING WITH SERMONETTE SPEAKERS

I would like to have a 30 minute meeting with all sermonette speakers after services in Raleigh on February 15, and in Hickory and Greensboro on February 22. This includes those who have already been notified they are giving their first sermonette soon.

HICKORY FOOD DRIVE IS BACK

Although we haven't mentioned it for a while, we are re-establishing our local Food Drive in Hickory. Our next food drive in Hickory will be January 25th. This will continue to occur on the 4th Sabbath of the month.

Please bring non-perishable food items and display them on table provided. All members are welcome to take any item(s) they may need. All remaining items will be given to a local charitable group.

UPDATE ON CAMP DICKENSON

We have been notified by officials at Camp Dickenson that there is now a 50% minimum occupancy requirement for each of the housing units at Camp Dickenson. This translates into needing at least 54 people to stay in one of the housing units, and does not include those who use a campsite.

As of yesterday, we have a total of 21 who have said they will use the housing, so we are less than halfway to our goal.

This means that unless we have more people who indicate they would like to attend Camp Dickenson and stay in one of the housing units, we will not be able to have Camp Dickenson after all. We are up against a deadline of February 7th to make a decision. Therefore, I need to ask one more time about our level of interest in attending Camp Dickenson next August 7-9, 2020.

If you would please email or text me THIS WEEK if you are planning to attend Camp and stay in one of the facilities. If we have 54 or more, then camp will be on. If not, regretfully, we will have to cancel Camp Dickenson again this year.

TEEN REGIONAL PROM

The Nashville congregation invites all teens and their families to a weekend of fun March 13-15, 2020 in Columbia, TN! We'll begin the weekend with a casual Friday evening welcome reception at the Comfort Suites Hotel, located at 1551 Bear Creek Pike, Columbia, TN. The hotel is a brand-new all-suites property with free breakfast. On Saturday, we will have afternoon Sabbath services followed that evening with a "Roaring 2020's Prom!" The evening will consist of dinner, dancing and honoring our graduating seniors. Then on Sunday morning we will wrap-up the weekend with a service project and pizza lunch.

Take some time and view all the details on our [registration page](#), which may be accessed via the COGWA members [website](#) in the calendar section, COGWA app, or on Facebook @SERegionalProm. The registration deadline is February 28th. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Babcock at sharontb@gmail.com or (763) 486-7877.

FI TO SPONSOR SPANISH AND ENGLISH EDUCATIONAL TOUR OF ISRAEL IN 2021

Foundation Institute is currently planning our next travel education tour to Israel, tentatively scheduled from June 1-8, 2021. We are excited to announce that, for the first time in our history, we are offering a bilingual tour of Israel in both Spanish and English. Our plan is to have one 48-passenger coach for Spanish-speaking brethren (which will be led by a Spanish-speaking Israeli guide and include Spanish-speaking ministers) and a second 48-passenger coach operating in English. Both coaches will visit the same sites. We will all stay in the same hotels; we will share meals together; and we will hold Sabbath services together in Spanish with English translation for those who need it. As one young man put it, we will have one English-language coach and one fiesta coach. All are welcome to apply, but because of the unique nature of this bilingual tour, we must give priority to certain applicants. First priority will be given to those from Latin America who speak only Spanish. If we have additional room on that coach, we will next give priority to those from other areas who speak both Spanish and English. Finally, we will fill out the English-language coach with those who speak only English. In all cases we will give priority to those who are participating for the first time.

We will offer multiple travel options for our brethren traveling from Latin America. We are too far out from the travel date to announce a firm cost, but we estimate that we will

be able to offer prices similar to our past Israel trips (see estimated pricing in the attached fact sheet).

The trip will follow an itinerary similar to our past education tours, starting in the northern part of Israel and ending in the city of Jerusalem. The trip will include visits to:

- Caesarea, Megiddo and Mount Carmel.
- The Sea of Galilee and northern Israel—Mount of the Beatitudes, Nazareth and Tel Dan.
- The Jordan Valley—Beth Shean, Qumran, Masada.
- Jerusalem—Temple Mount, City of David, Hezekiah's Tunnel, Western Wall, Golgotha and the Garden Tomb, Yad Vashem, etc.

We will tour on air-conditioned coaches with professionally trained Israeli guides. There will also be on-site lectures from FI instructors and ministers, as well as Sabbath services in Jerusalem. For those interested in this trip, please consider that by early June, it becomes very hot and dry in Israel, and there is a great deal of walking over uneven ground in these trips. If the heat or walking would be a problem for you, this trip would probably be too physically demanding.

Please refer to the attached fact sheet for more information and instructions on how to register for this trip.

We hope you will consider this exciting opportunity!

David Johnson

A copy of the fact sheet is available on the information table.

REGISTER NOW FOR SUPER SOCIAL!

We are now less than 2 weeks away from the beginning of our Super Social!

We have almost reached the numbers we needed, but not quite.

If you saw In Accord you know that Mr. David Johnson gave a plug to our Super Social, so we may have some last minute attendees!

Even though we are officially past our deadline, if you plan to attend and have not yet registered, please be sure to let Sylvia Young know and send your payment for any meals Monday if at all possible. The hotel must have total meal counts in order to have appropriate amount of food. If we don't receive a response that you are planning to attend for meals on Friday night and Sabbath, we cannot guarantee a meal for you. We are quickly approaching the day we must turn in our final count.

Please consider joining us for these meals if at all possible. Remember the Friday night banquet is a buffet and the serving line is open as late as 8:00pm. You do not have to arrive at 6:00pm to enjoy the dinner. We also have a dessert reception after dinner that is part of the buffet cost.

If you would like to attend, but cannot afford it, please see Mr. Kelley. If you cannot pay until closer to the date, please advise Sylvia Young. If you need her contact information, please ask Mr. Kelley.

We have several fun activities planned for Saturday night at Super Social. There will be something for everyone! This includes Family Feud and Karaoke.

Remember, our guest speaker is Mark Winner. He will be presenting a seminar on Sabbath morning at 10:30am as well as the sermon on Sabbath. Services will be at 2:30pm. He will also conduct another seminar on Sunday morning at 10:00am.

We will close out our Super Social again with a group luncheon at the J & S Cafeteria in High Point.

If you have any questions about Super Social, please contact Mr. Kelley.