

## **Announcements March 14, 2020**

### **BOB BORN**

Bob Born was notified that his white blood count is high again and he has had to go back on his chemotherapy treatments. His immune system is extremely compromised right now so he won't be able to come to church or receive visitors

### **LADIES CLUB - RALEIGH**

Ladies' Club in Raleigh will be held on March 28th. The subject will be, "Our Example to the Church and the World." All ladies and teenage girls are encouraged to attend.

### **LADIES CLUB - HICKORY**

Ladies' Club in Hickory will be held in April date TBD. The subject will be, "Strengthen Your Christian Relationships." For those who do not have email access or printing capabilities, please visit the information table to pick up a copy of the Topics Questions for the next meeting. All ladies and teenage girls are encouraged to attend.

### **LADIES CLUB – GREENSBORO**

Ladies' Club in Greensboro will be held on March 21<sup>st</sup>. The subject will be: "Who's Got Your Back?" All ladies and teenage girls are encouraged to attend.

## **CAMP APPLICATION SYSTEM OPENS**

For the past several months, we have been working toward a new application system for COGWA Youth Camps that will integrate with our database system. We are now happy to announce that the system will open at 10 a.m. Central Daylight Time on Sunday, March 15, at which time you can start applying for our 2020 camps.

You will start at the same place you've always gone—the COGWA Portal. When you log into the account, you will see the CYC application notice at the bottom left of your screen. To this point, everything will look the same. However, when you click on the "Apply" button, you will notice things starting to change.

The instructions in the blue box above your list of household members will be much larger with a lot more detailed instructions. We encourage you to read everything in that blue box very carefully! You will note several important points, including the following highlights:

- There are new forms spread across several pages and very little will be "pre-populated" (automatically filled in), so you will have to enter a lot of information for each household member this year.

- However, once you have entered that information for an applicant, applying for a second camp will be very quick. Whatever you entered will pre-populate any subsequent 2020 camp application—for that applicant.
- Please note, this will apply for each household member individually.
- This system will require you to upload a photo with each application, so you will need to have handy a recent full-face digital photo (taken within the last three months) to upload with each application.

We understand this will take a little more time this year, but it will allow us to pull that data into our new system to be able to pre-populate additional applications. The system is new, and though we have tested it extensively, it is quite possible that we may need to make a minor tweak here or there. Once we have this year's data and are comfortable with how the system is working, we will be able to address how much we can pre-populate forms for everyone next year.

We appreciate your patience in working with this new system. If you have any trouble or questions, you can contact us at [registration@coqwa.org](mailto:registration@coqwa.org), and we'll be happy to assist you.

## **FI CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASSES**

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The faculty and administration of Foundation Institute are excited to announce our ninth annual Summer Continuing Education program.

This year we will be able to offer two one-week sessions, the first from June 8-12 and the second from July 13-17. Since we are using our new classroom facility, we will be able to accommodate up to 48 students for each session, so we believe we will have adequate room for any who wish to attend.

The tuition for each one-week session is \$75 per person or \$125 per couple, and this includes all instructional materials and a light lunch each day. We also plan to work with local hotels to offer special rates for housing in the immediate area.

Details about classes and instructors will be announced later, but we need your help in planning and preparing. Registration for the Summer Continuing Education classes will open at 10 a.m. Central time on Sunday, March 22. At that time you may go to the [foundationinstitute.org](http://foundationinstitute.org) website, click on the "Continuing Education" tab, and complete and submit the registration form. You will be able to indicate which session you wish to attend or if you are able to attend either session. By Friday, March 27, we will send an email to notify you whether you have been accepted or placed on a waiting list. Once you receive your acceptance email, you may send in your tuition to confirm your reservation.

Thanks for your interest and help. We look forward to hearing from you and welcoming you to this year's Summer Continuing Education program.

### **HICKORY FOOD DRIVE IS BACK**

Our next food drive in Hickory will be March 28. This will continue to occur on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **PASSOVER INFORMATION**

As we should all know, Passover is for baptized members of the Church of God. It is a solemn occasion and not a time for normal fellowship. You should plan to arrive and be seated for the service approximately 15 minutes before the service starts.

**RALEIGH** – Location at the regular church hall. Service begins at 7:45pm April 7. Be sure to bring your own basin as well as your personal towel.

**GREENSBORO** – Location at the regular church hall. Service begins at 8:00pm April 7. Basins are provided. Bring your own personal towel.

**HICKORY** - Location at LaQuinta Hotel 1607 Fairgrove Church Rd SE, Conover, NC 28613. Service begins at 8:00pm April 7. Basins are provided. Bring your own personal towel.

**CHARLOTTE** – Location at Hampton Inn: 11935 N. Community House Rd. Charlotte, NC 28277. Service begins at 8:00pm. Bring your own personal towel.

### **CHILDREN AT PASSOVER**

As I believe we all know, Passover is for baptized members of the Church only.. While it's best for children not to be brought to the Passover Service, we realize some may not be able to secure a reliable babysitter for the evening. Therefore, we will have a room available for children to play quietly. Please arrange for someone to be responsible for your children if you need to bring them to Passover Services."

### **NIGHT TO BE MUCH OBSERVED**

Hopefully most of you are now thinking about your plans to celebrate the Night to Be Much Observed with a small group. The date is Wednesday, April 8. The main part of this special meal is to be after sundown. If you need help with this, we would be happy to assist in helping insure everyone has a place to celebrate this very special evening with other church members. As you make your plans, remember to think of those who live alone or find it difficult if not impossible to drive at night. Several of our members will need assistance with transportation.

### **GREENSBORO NTBMO PLANS AT LA QUINTA HOTEL**

We are now planning to host a group dinner at the LaQuinta Hotel located at 1201 Lanada Road in Greensboro. This is between Stanley and Wendover Ave. near church. It will be a catered dinner with a cost of \$30.00 per person. We currently have 21 people attending. If you would like to attend with us at this location, please contact Bev McKnight or Mr. Kelley. We have plenty of room for everyone who would like to come.

### **FIRST DAY OF UNLEAVENED BREAD**

The First Day of Unleavened Bread will be observed on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Services are in our normal current locations where we have Sabbath Services with all services being held at 1:30pm.

### **LAST DAY OF UNLEAVENED BREAD**

The Last Day of Unleavened Bread will be observed on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. We will once again hold combined services in Morganton and Mebane.

**The Hickory and Asheville** congregations will be meeting at the City of Morganton Municipal Auditorium (known as COMMA). The address is: 401 S College St, Morganton, NC 28655. The parking lot is entered from either West McDowell Street or West Erwin Street.

**Raleigh and Greensboro** will again be meeting at the Community Arts Center in Mebane, located at 633 Corregidor St, Mebane, NC 27302.

Time of services in both locations will be 10:30am and 2:30pm

Lunch is on your own, however both locations allow food to be brought inside. The location in Morganton has a small kitchen area available to us including a microwave and refrigerator.

### **HOLY DAY OFFERING ENVELOPES**

You should have received your Holy Day Offering Envelopes with your recent new booklet about Hope.

Please secure your envelopes in a place where you will be sure to have them with you for the Holy Days. We will only have a limited supply of extra envelopes available.

### **CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR HOLY DAYS**

We wanted you to know that we are making contingency plans for the Days of Unleavened Bread – particularly the Last Day of Unleavened Bread which are scheduled to be held in City owned facilities. As of this date, we are still on as previously planned. However, we are currently making plans to change to our local church halls IF THAT BECOMES NECESSARY. This has not been put into effect yet!

**PASSOVER** – You should begin to make preparations to take Passover at home in the event all public gatherings are prohibited at Passover time. We realize many of our elderly or members with underlying health conditions may feel they are not able to attend Passover with conditions as they are now. We will send you the Passover script for taking Passover at home by email if requested or via regular mail if no internet access.

### **NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES**

As far as we know now, services will resume next week, so plan on that unless further notice. I'll let everyone know when I know. We will only cancel if directed to do so by Headquarters. Once we do resume services, we will implement the "no-handshake/no hugs" policy for a couple of week or until the threat is passed.

### **CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR SABBATH SERVICES**

If we are forced to cancel services next week and subsequent weeks AND if there is no national webcast from Headquarters, we are working on a plan to webcast services to everyone at home. Tom Burrow is working on a plan for me and some others to webcast services directly from his home to everyone. We will let everyone know if this plan is implemented. Time of services would likely be at 3:00pm, but we'll let you know.