

Announcements August 29, 2020

FEAST TRANSFERS NOW AVAILABLE

Announcement for Sabbath of Aug. 29:.

We want to thank all of our brethren for assisting us with planning by responding to the recent survey on Feast of Tabernacles attendance. We now have a better picture of the plans of the membership. And as a result, we wanted to update all of you on the Feast sites that can still accept transfers:

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina: Myrtle Beach is able to accept about 100 transfers for those who would be interested in attending this beautiful beach site.

Cincinnati, Ohio/Northern Kentucky: This site at a beautiful Holiday Inn in northern Kentucky, just south of Cincinnati, still has room for at least 100 additional attendees. This will no longer be at satellite site and will have live speakers every day and enough room for daily in-person attendance to services.

Fort Myers, Florida: While Fort Myers is primarily a satellite site, we wanted to make its remaining space available to those who would like to attend this beautiful southern Florida site.

Post Falls, Idaho: This is the new site in the Northwest, which replaces Victoria, B.C. Brethren will be meeting at the riverfront Red Lion Hotel each day. We have space for about 70 additional attendees at this site near beautiful Lake Coeur d'Alene in northern Idaho.

Kerrville, Texas: The Kerrville site in the hill country of Texas still has room for additional attendees.

Those members interested in changing their current registration to one of the above available sites should return to the COGWA portal and choose the "Edit Registration" option on your current registration. For our planning purposes, we would appreciate your making these changes within the next week.

Thanks to all of you again. Despite some of the unique challenges we are facing in 2020, we look forward to God's blessing us with a very joyous and meaningful Feast of Tabernacles this year.

EMAIL ABOUT FEAST SEATING COMING SOON

Please announce this Sabbath (Aug. 29)

If you have registered for one of the U.S. Feast sites, your Festival coordinator (from the Feast site you are registered to attend), will be sending you an important email this coming Monday requesting that you provide the names of everyone who can sit with you at in-person services. This would include immediate family members, extended family members who will be attending the same site, and people who are sharing accommodations with you. To help us plan, please reply to the email as soon as you can. This will help us properly prepare for seating at this year's Feast.

ONE SERVICE FOR FEAST OF TRUMPETS:

In an effort to mitigate the possibility for virus spread at our services, we are asking our pastors in the U.S. to have only *one service* for the upcoming fall holy days. We will have Trumpets in Hickory at 2:00pm on Trumpets, Sept. 19, which is also a weekly Sabbath Day.

For Greensboro and Raleigh, as you may have seen in an email that was sent out earlier this week, we are unable to meet for combined services in Mebane. Therefore, Greensboro and Raleigh will both meet for Trumpets at their regular church location. Again, all services for Trumpets will be at 2:00pm

FALL HOLY DAY OFFERING PROCEDURES –

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected just about every aspect of our lives, including how the Church has collected and processed the annual holy day offerings. We prefer, of course, to collect a congregational offering as we have always done in past years, but unfortunately, this is an unusual time.

For safety reasons, and because of regulations imposed at several of our Festival locations, it is our plan to handle the holy day offerings for fall festivals (Feast of Trumpets, Atonement, the Feast of Tabernacles and Last Great Day) as we did those for the first three holy days this year—except that we will also have a box on the information table on the holy days for members who wish to give their offering at services.

We will have an offertory message as usual, but we will not physically collect the holy day offering as we have in prior years. We ask that you give your offering by one of the following options:

- Donate online (by eCheck or by credit card) at members.cogwa.org/donate/.
- Donate through the mail to:

COGWA

P.O. Box 731480

Dallas, TX 75373-1480

- Donate online by your bank's bill pay.
- Donate by placing your offering in the donation box that will be provided at the information table prior to and after services on the holy days. Please use your blue envelope with your name and address on the outside

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during these unusual and difficult times.