

Announcements November 28, 2020

GUIDELINES FOR COVID AMONG THE MEMBERSHIP:

In light of continuing Covid-19 cases the Church has outlined the following updated guidelines regarding church attendance:

Any attendees to our church services who know they have been *exposed* to COVID-19 should quarantine and receive care and guidance from a qualified medical professional. They may not return to Sabbath services until they have received clearance to do so from a qualified doctor or physician, have tested negative (5-7 days after exposure) or have quarantined for 14 days and are symptom-free.

If a Church member (or other attendee) *tests positive* for COVID-19 within 10 days of having attended a COGWA church service, meeting or event, the following procedures should also be followed:

- We ask that members inform their pastor as soon as possible upon learning of a positive test.
- Since tests are conducted by health care professionals, any positive COVID-19 result will already have been reported to the county health department or other appropriate government health officials.
- If the state, county or city of the congregation (or member) has additional requirements beyond these actions, the Church will generally cooperate with any public health measures designed to stop the spread of COVID-19, and the Church encourages members to do the same.

SPECIAL SABBATH DEC 26:

In the past, COGWA has offered two live webcasts from the annual Winter Family Weekend in Louisville—the Friday night Bible study and the Sabbath services during that special weekend.

Although we are not hosting the Winter Family Weekend this year, we are pleased to confirm that we will be hosting a live Sabbath service webcast on the Sabbath of Dec. 26 from the studio here in McKinney, Texas.

This will be a complete Sabbath service with special music that pastors can use for their congregations on Dec. 26. The webcast services will begin that day at 2p.m. Eastern time. For those congregations unable to connect to the webcast that day, we will provide a replay option that can be used the following week, if so desired.

We are also planning to host special online seminars that Sabbath morning for all of our teens and our young adults.

Here is some additional information about this special Sabbath:

In addition to Sabbath services, we are offering three special seminars on Sabbath morning, Dec. 26. At 10 a.m. Eastern time, we will post one seminar for teens and a second seminar for our young adults. Then at 11 a.m. we will post a seminar designed for both our teens and young adults. We trust that our younger members will enjoy and benefit from these seminars. The speakers, titles and descriptions are below. Please share this information with your members.

Seminar for teens, to be posted Dec. 26, 9 a.m. Central time

“Gender Identity—Called to Be Different!”

Presented by David Jackson

As a teen, you face an onslaught of sexual identity alternatives at a critical time in your life. Because of what is pushed at you in TV and movies, what you face in the classroom and locker room, and what you see and hear from friends and others, you are pressured to tolerate, accept and even consider choosing alternative sexual lifestyles. This seminar will offer you a biblical perspective regarding your sexual identity and some practical tools to help guide you in life so you can resist wrong ideas and the pressures to conform.

Seminar for young adults, to be posted Dec. 26, 9 a.m. Central time

“426 Upgrade Required”

Presented by Joel Meeker

Problems in Internet connectivity produce error messages. Spiritual error is growing in today’s world. Some error messages are metaphors for important spiritual knowledge we must remember and practice.

Seminar for teens and young adults, to be posted Dec. 26, 10 a.m. Central time

“Will I Stay, or Will I Go?”

Presented by Andy Burnett

What percentage of teens and young adults who grow up in the Church stay with the Church? What percentage of them leave? After addressing the reasons those who have left have given for leaving, we’ll look at the reasons why others stay. Will you stay, or will you go?