

## **Announcements February 26, 2021**

### **Early registration for international and specialty Feast sites**

In an effort to better prepare and plan for a couple of our specialty sites this year, we are changing the date of early registration from Sunday, March 7, to Sunday, April 11. This will give us more time to confirm details for a couple of these sites that we hope will host the Feast this coming fall! Thank you all so much for your patience!

### **CAMP APPLICATION UPDATE**

From Ken Treybig, national camp coordinator:

The time we normally open our application system for camps is early March. However, this year, we plan to begin accepting applications the first part of April.

With the goal of safely operating our camps this summer, our camp directors are happy to note that the latest updated guidelines for camps include protocols that were used by some camps to operate safely last summer. But modifications being made to our procedures require a little more time to finalize. In addition, a number of updates are being made to our application system.

Watch for further announcements next month.

### **PREPARING FOR NTBMO**

Hopefully you have started your preparations for Night To Be Much Observed. The date/time is sunset on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. If you are still looking for a place to be with someone, this would be a good time to go ahead and let Mr. Kelley or one of the Elders know you are hoping to be invited somewhere. We will try to help you find a location.

### **PASSOVER AND UNLEAVENED BREAD LOCATIONS AND TIMES:**

#### **RALEIGH:**

**Passover** – March 26; 7:45pm – Regular Church Hall

**First DUB** - March 28; 2:00pm - Hilton Raleigh North Hills, 3415 Wake Forest Rd., Raleigh, NC 27609.

**Last DUB** – April 3; 1:30pm – Regular Church Hall

#### **GREENSBORO:**

**Passover** – March 26: 7:45pm – Regular Church Hall

**First DUB** – March 28: 3:00pm – Regular Church Hall

**Last DUB** – April 3; 3:00pm – Regular Church Hall

**Hickory:**

**Passover** – March 26: 7:45pm – Regular Church Hall

**First DUB** – March 28: 2:00pm – Regular Church Hall

**Last DUB** – April 3; 10:30am – Regular Church Hall

**Charlotte:** March 26, 7:45pm – Home 2 Suites by Hilton, 5110 Piper Station Dr. Charlotte, North Carolina 28277

**NOTE:** The Sabbath of March 27, services will be at regular times and regular locations.

**TEEN BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM**

I'm planning to have a teen Bible Study via zoom for all our teens. They should have all been notified, but this is a reminder. I will be sending out the Zoom invitation soon. The Bible Study is set for 7:00pm on Monday evening, March 1.

**BIBLE STUDY FOR HICKORY AND GREENSBORO PLANNED**

I would very much love to still present the sermon material I had planned to give in the sermon in Hickory and Greensboro tomorrow. I am looking at having this take place this coming Wednesday evening, March 3, at 7:00pm. Of course this depends on my health, but hoping will be recovered by then. Also, I'm not sure what format would be best to use. I could attempt to do a Zoom meeting from home, or perhaps Tom can work out something that could be done over Cogwa.TV. You should expect to hear from me later in the week to see how this will be conducted. I hope you can all make plans to set aside an hour to hear this sermon. Perhaps we'll be able to record it as well. I do know that we have a recording of the sermon as it was presented in Raleigh last Sabbath.

**PASSOVER PROTOCOLS ANNOUNCED**

Some have been wondering how we will conduct the Passover Service this year. We have received instructions from HQ that provide us with some guidelines. We thought it best to cover these guidelines during announcements at least once and subsequently provide a written copy of the guidelines closer to Passover in case any modifications are made to this plan between now and Passover. So here are the current guidelines:

Everyone should wear face coverings as we have been doing for Sabbath services. Where allowed, after being seated, members may remove face coverings during the service except during the foot-washing ceremony and the closing hymn. Members should also be aware that we cannot social distance while washing feet. If that is a concern for some, they may need to consider taking the Passover at home.

It is recommended that sanitizing stations be available at the entrance to the hall and also strategically placed throughout the hall.

### **Foot washing**

- Face masks/coverings are required.
- Congregations that supply individual foot-washing basins for each member should be sure the basins are cleaned and prefilled (where possible) before the Passover service by as few individuals as possible to minimize points of contact.
- In congregations where members bring their own foot-washing basins, these should not be shared or handled by anyone other than that person. Use as few individuals as possible for filling the larger tubs and for filling individual basins. Members can empty their individual basins into an empty large tub after completing the foot-washing service.
- Tables with a good supply of hand sanitizer/wipes should be available so that members can sanitize hands before and after the foot washing.
- Water should not be shared.

### **Distributing the unleavened bread**

- Prior to the service, one person (minister or member) should prepare the unleavened bread for the Passover service by placing it on the tray or trays (as needed), and then place it on the table and cover it.
- The minister/officiant should be sure to wash/sanitize his hands following the foot washing and have disposable food-handler gloves to use for breaking the bread.
- As many trays as needed should be prepared (depending on the size of the congregation), but only one individual should handle each tray for distribution. Servers should wear disposable food-handler gloves.
- With members socially distanced, each server should take a tray to each person or couple rather than passing the tray up and down the aisles.

### **Distributing the wine**

- Prior to the service, one person should pour the wine. He should wear disposable food-handler gloves.
- Only one person should hold each tray for distributing the wine, and servers should wear disposable food-handler gloves.
- Only disposable cups should be used for the wine.
- With members socially distanced, each server should take a tray to each person or couple rather than passing the tray up and down the aisles.
- The server should then go back to collect the empty cups in the tray in the same manner.

**RALEIGH PHONE HOOKUP:**

**Raleigh Phone Hookup** – If you ever have to miss Sabbath services you can call in to a central number and connect to the live phone hookup via FreeConferencing.com. At 1:30 pm you need to dial the conference number and then enter the participant access code, and that should connect you. The dial-in number is: **(712) 770-5363**. The participant access code is: **539955#**. If you have any questions please contact Julius AungMin.

**RALEIGH ZOOM VIDEO CONNECTION**

Meeting ID: 862 858 5810

Passcode: cogwanc (all lower case)

Link to join is below:

[Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8628585810#success>

**ACCESSING OUR LOCAL MEMBERS WEBSITE**

The website is:

<http://greensboro.cogwa.org/>

Some areas are for members only. Please contact pastor Ron Kelley at (336) 757-2305 or rkelley8@roadrunner.com for login and password.