

## **Announcements December 4, 2021**

### **NICK BOLINGER UPDATE**

I called the Parole Commission this week and was told that no decision has yet been reached regarding Nick's Parole hearing that was held in October, 2020. The lady I spoke to said she would make a notation of my inquiry, but there was nothing else she could do. Nick would appreciate your prayers that God would yet intervene on his behalf and a positive decision would soon be made.

Nick's 79<sup>th</sup> birthday is December 16, and I know he would love receiving cards and letters from you. Remember when you address the envelope that your full name and address must appear in the "from" section of the envelope.

### **SHUT-IN BLANKET PROJECT:**

The ladies of the Hickory congregation are organizing a project to make lap blankets for our shut ins. Everyone is encouraged to participate that would like to. Quilting squares are provided to decorate in your own special style - (one per family please). Quilting supplies are also provided to get you started. These are available today in Hickory and Greensboro as well in Raleigh beginning today, from your designated project leader. For those more craft minded, please feel free to use your own quilting materials to decorate.

Once your family has finished your quilting square, please return it to the designated person in your congregation (Sharon Kehoe in Hickory, Beverly McKnight in Greensboro, and Margaret Villaescusa in Raleigh). Each congregational designee will organize and collect all materials to be return to Hickory **no later than December 18th**.

After all decorated squares have been received back in Hickory, they will then be quilted together making each lap blanket unique for its new owner.

If you have any questions in reference to this project, please contact Sharon Kehoe at [cowboylove51@outlook.com](mailto:cowboylove51@outlook.com) .

## **DECEMBER SOCIALS PLANNED**

### **RALEIGH –**

December 11 – Services will begin at 3:00pm followed by a salad and pizza dinner and some variety of desserts. Anyone who is planning to attend should bring a beverage (lemonade, iced tea, soda, juice. After dinner we'll have a fun evening of one of our most popular games: "Prize Bingo". For those who have not participated in this social before, each individual person that will be playing will need to bring one wrapped gift. The gift can be anything from a chocolate bar to a gag gift such as the year we all had a good laugh over the person who got a roll of toilet paper. So prepare a gift of your choosing, whether a gag gift, a medium gift, or a nicer gift, but please, no more than \$10.00. The gift can also be wrapped in a creative way if desired. In the past, we've had some very creative wrappings and it certainly makes for a very enjoyable evening when multiple people are all trying to win the same prize. If you need more information, or would like to help in planning for the event, please see Felicia Wood after services.

## HICKORY –

December 18th - Services will begin at 3:00pm followed by a Bingo & Pizza social. Dinner will be provided from Domino's Pizza. There will also be a variety of drinks and finger desserts. Salads will be made available for those who prefer veggies. After dinner we'll have a fun evening with "Prize Bingo". For those who have not participated in this style of Bingo before, each individual person that will be participating will need to bring one wrapped gift. Whether the gift is a small item you may have around the house, a nicer gift or a gag gift, it should not be more than \$10.00. Preparing your gift in a creative decorative way will certainly make for a very enjoyable evening as people switch gifts about, trying for the same gift. Come and join in on the fellowship and food. Guaranteed an enjoyable time to be had by everyone! If you need more information, please see Martha Roark.

At this time, would you please raise your hand if you are planning to stay over and enjoy a pizza dinner with us after services on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>? We want to be sure to order the right amount of pizza.

## VIRGINIA BEACH ANNUAL BEACH WEEKEND

The Williamsburg, VA congregation is once again having their Virginia Beach Weekend. This will be the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Virginia Beach Weekend, and will be held on January 14 – 16, 2022. An information flyer is available on the information table. Mr. Lambert asks you to provide some information regarding our upcoming Virginia Beach Weekend if you are interested in attending. For our catered meal on Saturday evening, we always provide the option of a vegetarian meal. As a result we need to know soon how many would rather have that option. **Please let Mary Jordan ( [coltrainechlu@gmail.com](mailto:coltrainechlu@gmail.com) ) know by this coming Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> of December if you would prefer Vegan.** Thank you for your quick response

## GREENSBORO AND SERVICE TIME CHANGE.

On Sabbath of December 18<sup>th</sup>, Greensboro will have services at 10:30am. Hickory services will be at 3:00pm

## WFW FRIDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

There will be a Friday night Bible study that will be webcast live on Dec. 24 at 7:30 p.m. It is available on Cogwa.TV. The password will be the same as everything else on this website.

## WINTER FAMILY WEEKEND

### Registration Reminder

This is your friendly reminder that registration for the 2021 Winter Family Weekend is live! The registration link can be found in your COGWA members portal ([portal.cogwa.org/](http://portal.cogwa.org/)), or by visiting the WFW website at [members.cogwa.org/wfw/](http://members.cogwa.org/wfw/).

### Winter Family Weekend Variety Show

We are still looking for acts to fill our WFW Variety Show! If you can sing, dance, play an instrument or put on a skit, we want you! All you need to do is select "variety show participant" when you complete your WFW registration, and someone will reach out to you for more information in the near future. If you wish to share your talent, please register by Dec. 10.

### Winter Family Weekend Song Leading and Hymn Accompaniment Workshop

If you've been leading songs and playing hymns for decades or only for a few weeks, this year's WFW song leading and accompanying workshop is for you! Featuring three teams of song leaders

and accompanists, our workshop will be full of tips for “the teams” that bring energy and personality to the song service. Come have a great time, be part of a larger team effort and take home a refreshed objective on this important part of each week’s Sabbath service. Looking forward to seeing you there!

### Winter Family Weekend Art Show

Attention visual artists! Do you have talents that are best appreciated *not* on stage? We are excited to announce that this year’s Winter Family Weekend will host an art show! If you would be interested in sharing your artistic talent, please bring framed or unframed 2D artwork, sculptures, photography or any other pieces you would like to this year’s Winter Family Weekend. But first, go to [surveymonkey.com/r/9KZGN22](https://surveymonkey.com/r/9KZGN22) to answer a few questions and let our curators what type of art you will bring. We will plan to have artwork on display Sunday and Monday, so artwork can be dropped off at the information desk when you arrive at the Galt House on Friday evening or Saturday evening. If you have any questions or would like to send photos of artwork ahead of time, please contact Amy Duncan at [amysuzanneduncan@gmail.com](mailto:amysuzanneduncan@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing your beautiful work.

### **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: **(667-770-1428)** 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/>

Then you will see a small place in the upper right hand corner of the page to enter in a user name and password:

**Please contact Mr. Ron Kelley for user name and password**

Note this is case sensitive.