

Announcements December 11, 2021

NICK BOLINGER BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER

Remember, Nick's 79th 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. Address is:

Bolinger, Nicholas

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P.O. Box 247

Phoenix, MD 21131

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 25th**.

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.

HICKORY SOCIAL –

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. 18th? 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 22nd 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) know by this coming Monday the 6th of December if you would prefer Vegan.** Thank you for your quick response

GREENSBORO AND SERVICE TIME CHANGE.

On Sabbath of December 18th, 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

WFW Song Leading and Hymn Accompaniment Workshop

Whether you've been leading songs and playing hymns for decades or only for a few weeks, this year's WFW Song Leading and Hymn Accompaniment 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. If you have any questions about the workshop, please contact Doug Johnson at doug.johnson@coqwa.org. Looking forward to seeing you there!

WFW 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! If you have already registered, go into your portal and edit your WFW registration. If you haven't registered, all you have to do is select "variety show participant" when registering. After you sign up, Eric Evans will reach out to you for more information. We have extended the deadline to **Dec. 17**—so don't delay! If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Evans at eric.evans@coqwa.org.

WFW Hotel Reservations

We have noticed many hotel reservations have a checkout date of Dec. 28. But many participants are registered for activities on the same day. Please check your hotel reservation and confirm you are checking out on the correct date. If you are planning to stay the evening of Dec. 28, make sure your reservation has you checking out on Dec. 29. If you have any questions, please email wfw@coqwa.org.

WFW Book Exchange

Do you have homeschooling materials or interesting (but no longer needed) books taking up space on your shelf? Or would you like to add a few new reads to your collection? There will be a table set up outside of the Combs Chandler room Sunday through Tuesday for just this purpose. This is not a book sale, but rather an opportunity for you to swap and share with others. Books not picked up by Tuesday will be donated.

FAMILY FUN FAIR PRIZES

From Nathan Willoughby, coordinator, Winter Family Weekend:

We need donations for the prize table at this year's WFW Family Fun Fair. Suggested items include children's books, small puzzles, toy cars, small stuffed animals, and small trinkets (finger toys, glow bracelets/necklaces, pencils, erasers, pencil grips, bookmarks, stickers, etc.). We ask that you **not** donate toys that can make a mess—such as glitter, play dough, Slime or Silly Putty. All donations should be clean and in good condition. There's no need to break the (piggy) bank for these donations. Dollar store items are perfect! **Please note:** Due to COVID, **all** donations need to be prepackaged, either in the original manufacturer's packaging or in ziplock plastic bags. Please have them in bags when you drop them off at the WFW information center at the Galt House. If you plan to donate, please email Gregg and Amanda Pennington at cogwafamilyfunfair@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your donations!

COGWA WFW APP AVAILABLE

The COGWA WFW app is now available! You can download it on the App Store or get it on Google Play! Other than our members.cogwa.org/wfw/ website, the app will be your main source of information and notifications for this year's WFW. There will be no printed brochure this year, so make sure to download the COGWA WFW app.

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.coqwa.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.