

Announcements May 22, 2021

BAPTISM ANNOUNCEMENT

We are very happy to announce the baptism of Zenda Elshere of the Greensboro congregation. The ceremony took place last night in Mocksville. Please welcome Zenda into the spiritual family of the Church of God.

HICKORY ONLY – I was notified yesterday that Carl Field's brother, Joe died. I know Carl appreciates the prayers you offered for him and his brother.

SNACKS IN HICKORY AND GREENSBORO

We hope many of you brought your picnic meal and will plan to stay around a while after services and enjoy some snacks.

HICKORY - We'll set up the tables, and you can enjoy whatever you would like to bring for yourselves. Then after we've had some good fellowship time, don't forget to clean up your own area including wiping down your table and taking back the chairs, etc.

We'll need everyone helping out to make this a success

GREENSBORO - We'll use the picnic tables, weather permitting (if not too hot), or set up the tables next door, and you can enjoy whatever you would like to bring for yourselves.

Then after we've had some good fellowship time, don't forget to clean up your own area including wiping down your table and taking back the chairs, etc. if we are inside.

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Camp Announcements

For those of you considering applying for Camp this year whether as campers or as volunteer staff, please be sure to submit your application online ASAP. The Camp Directors need to have projected numbers available to them now as they don't have much time to plan for everything that must be done to prepare for the meals, the housing, and all the activities of Camp. So if Camp is a possibility – and I hope it is for all our young people- please apply this week.

I would highly encourage those of you who have pre-teen children to have them attend Camp Chattahoochee if at all possible. It is a very fine experience for the kids and I am quite sure they would have a wonderful time. The staff at camp is first rate and they have lots of experience working with the younger kids. These kids make friends for a lifetime during these early years at Camp.

SWARTZ SUMMER PICNIC

Please set aside Sunday, June 13th as the date for our annual summer picnic at the home of Greg and Jan Swartz. The picnic is planned to begin around 1:00pm. More details about food will be coming soon. We are hopeful that many of you from the Raleigh area will be able to come over and join us for our annual combined church picnic. The distance to the Swartz home from the Cary area is about a 90 minute drive.

MOVING PARTY SUNDAY MORNING JUNE 13

Most of you know Kristin Bettes and her daughter, Leanne. They will be moving from their house to a smaller apartment on June 13. This was the only day available. While we realize this is the same day as the picnic at the Swartz, we are hoping that several of you will be able to come early and assist Kristin with the move. The moving will start at 10:00am and we hope that if enough people show up, we'll have the move completed by noon. The address to go to if you can help at 10:00am but before 11:00am, would be: 110 Eaglewood Drive, Lewisville, NC 27023. Kristin is moving to this address: 6521 Lagrande Place Drive #1, Lewisville, NC 27023. Please plan to go there if you can arrive between 11:00am and noon.

Kristin says families are welcome to come along to wait and/or help out while the guys are loading the truck. She has stated there is not too much that needs to be moved to the apartment, so it shouldn't take too long.

This address is 20 miles from the Swartz home and takes about 30 minutes to drive it.

The address for the Swartz picnic is: 506 Shady Grove Church Rd. Winston-Salem.

FUTURE HICKORY PICNICS AT BAKER MOUNTAIN:

Our annual **Baker Mountain Picnics** are scheduled (June 19 and July 17). Please mark your calendars and plan to join your church family and enjoy this special time of fellowship.

RESUMING BIBLE STUDIES AT SERVICES

Next Sabbath, May 29, we will have a congregational Bible Study shortly after services. If you would like to bring in snack to have during the short break between the end of services and the Bible Study, you are welcome to do so. We will have the Bible Study in Hickory and Greensboro the following Sabbath, June 5

Volunteering to Serve at the Feast

Members can now sign up to serve at the Feast. We deeply appreciate all who have volunteered to serve at the Feast in the past since we rely heavily on volunteers to help make each Feast site run smoothly for everyone.

Go to your account in the COGWA Portal, click on the "gear" icon by your Feast registration, and then click on the orange button for service. You can go back to modify your information at any time and that data will stay in the system for next year. If you have any questions about volunteering to serve at the Feast, please see your Festival Advisor for Assistance.

We thank you all in advance for your service at the Feast of Tabernacles!

Volunteering to Serve or Help With Special Music at the Feast

We would like to thank our members for their diligence in registering for the Feast of Tabernacles this year. While our new system had a few initial bumps, it is now up and running smoothly. At this time we are asking for your help in volunteering to serve one another during the Feast. We deeply appreciate all who have already volunteered and want to encourage everyone else to do so. By each of us helping out in whatever way we are able, each Feast site runs smoothly and every member is cared for.

Also, since COVID restrictions are easing across the U.S., we are organizing live, "normal" choirs at each of our U.S. sites and are in need of singers. Please consider volunteering for this important aspect of service.

To volunteer to serve at the Feast, follow these steps (visually displayed in the attached instruction file):

1. Go to your account in the COGWA Portal.
2. Click on the “gear” icon by your Feast registration.
3. Click on the orange button for service and music.
4. Click inside the large box for service and/or for music to get a list of items you can sign up for. Please be patient after clicking, as it sometimes takes a few seconds for the lists to appear. Each type of service or music you add will open another set of options below the large box.
5. When you have entered all your information, be sure to click on the green “Update Service & Music” button to save your selections.
6. Simply close the browser window once the information is updated. The data will stay in the system for next year, but you can also go back to modify your information at any time.

We thank you all in advance for your service at the Feast of Tabernacles!

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/>

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.