

Announcements April 24, 2021

PENTECOST PLANS

Pentecost will be on Sunday, May 16th. Services in Raleigh will once again be held at the Hilton Raleigh North Hills, 3415 Wake Forest Rd., Raleigh, NC 27609.

Note – we will most likely be in the meeting rooms that are located through the main lobby to the left of the elevators, then turn right down the long hall. Services will begin at 10:30am. There is only one service on Pentecost this year.

[Hilton Raleigh North Hills](#)

Hickory and Greensboro are planning to return to combined services once again. The location of services will be at the Village Inn Event Center located at 6205 Ramada Dr, Clemmons, NC, 27012. This is just off Interstate 40 Exit 184 and located directly behind the Super 8 motel. Services will be held at 2:30pm.

[Village Inn Hotel and Event Center , Clemmons, NC](#)

After services in Clemmons, we will be having a picnic dinner at beautiful Tanglewood Park Shelter # 3. This is a very nice shelter located next to the pond with the fountain. It is handicap accessible and there are air conditioned restrooms adjacent to the shelter. There is a map to the shelter available on the announcement page of our local website, or there are a few copies available on the information table for those without internet access. The idea is to simply bring your own picnic dinner and enjoy a meal together after services. Please plan to stay over and enjoy this special time of fellowship with your extended church family. NOTE – There is a \$2.00 per vehicle charge to enter the Park.

[Tanglewood Park, Clemmons Rd, Clemmons, NC](#)

[Tanglewood Park Shelter Map](#)

FESTIVAL ADVISORS ANNOUNCED:

Hickory – Wayne Roark assisted by Josh Beattie

Greensboro – Tom Burrow assisted by Roger Robertson

Raleigh – Josh Lambert assisted by Wesley Wood

The following announcement should be made on Sabbath of **April 24:**

ANNOUNCEMENT

Festival registration for all transfers opens on Sunday, April 25, at 10 a.m. Eastern time:

We ask that *all* COGWA households please complete the online Festival registration, whether attending in the U.S. or internationally. If adult members in one household are attending different sites, they will need to register individually.

We also ask that those *not* attending please register as well by selecting “NOT ATTENDING” as their site choice. This gives us more accurate figures for planning.

Beginning at 10 a.m. Eastern time on Sunday, April 25, members can begin accessing the feast.cogwa.org web page (or go directly to portal.cogwa.org/acct if they know where they want to attend) for Feast registration. After accessing the COGWA Feast web page, simply click on the “REGISTRATION” tab and begin the process.

All registrants will receive an email verification immediately after completing the registration. Those desiring to volunteer to assist with special music or other areas of service at the Feast will receive a link for such with their email verification.

Members without Internet access should ask their local Festival adviser for assistance.

Announce in all U.S. Congregations—Sabbath, April 24

2021 Festival transfers: As already announced, tomorrow is the date when COGWA members who desire to TRANSFER this year can begin registering for the Feast of Tabernacles. While registering, you will notice a number of international Feast sites that are listed as possible transfer sites. Members are cautioned that while these are listed as possible transfer sites, most are in countries where travel and other COVID-19 restrictions are currently in place. The Church advises members to consider transferring to one of these locations only if and when current restrictions are lifted in that country.

We also want to clarify our plans for hosting the Feast in Greece and Anchorage, Alaska, for 2021:

Loutraki, Greece: Due to a number of unanswered questions—all pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic—coupled with dwindling attendance, the Church has had ongoing concerns regarding hosting the Feast in Greece this year. As a result, after extensive discussions, the Church has made the decision to forgo hosting the Feast in Greece for 2021 and pursue it in a future year.

Members who made a reservation for Greece in 2020 received a voucher from the Loutraki Poseidon Resort stating they would receive their deposit back within 18 months if not used. As a result, we expect those members to have their deposit returned sometime this fall. We are in the process of negotiating with the resort to make certain that does occur.

We are sorry we are unable to have the Feast in Greece this year. However, we are working to provide an opportunity to host the Feast in Greece in the near future.

Anchorage, Alaska: We are pleased to announce that we have finalized our plans for the Feast of Tabernacles to be held in Anchorage, Alaska. We will be accepting a total of 300 attendees for the site. Daily services will be held at two locations. For most of the Feast, we will be in the ballroom of the luxurious Hotel Captain Cook, located in downtown Anchorage. Due to scheduling conflicts, for the final day of the Feast and the Last Great Day, we will be at the Egan Convention Center, located a short five blocks from the Hotel Captain Cook. For more details, see the site description at feast.cogwa.org/sites/alaska/.

We hope this information assists all of you in making your Feast plans for 2021!

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.