

## **Announcements May 29, 2021**

### **GLORIA WILLIAMS UPDATE**

Gloria Williams, a shut-in member of the Hickory congregation, became critically ill Thursday afternoon due to a severe infection in her right leg. It became necessary to amputate her foot in order to save her life Thursday night. Additional surgery to amputate the leg below the knee will take place Sunday or Monday since she tolerated the first surgery well. She will need to have several weeks if not months of recuperation in the hospital due to many other complications. Gloria and her husband, Willie, would appreciate your prayers for her healing and the strength to have the necessary surgeries to follow. She is currently in the Atrium Health Cabbarus Hospital located at 920 Church Street North, Concord, NC 28025. She is in room 2254.

Willie was able to be transported to see her yesterday afternoon. This was the first time he has been outside in over 2 years. He enjoyed spending time outside in front of the hospital with 3 of his daughters.

### **CRITICAL SITUATION IN COLUMBIA FOR CHURCH MEMBERS**

From Eduardo Hernandez, pastor, Colombia:

Please pray for the members in Colombia. The situation in Colombia has reached levels of violence and unrest unknown in decades. At this time, Colombia has gone through one month of a general strike, and its effects on the economy have been far worse than those of the pandemic. Most of the brethren cannot go to their jobs, because there is no public transportation. It has been vandalized by some of those who have promoted the strike, and there are road blockages. The government has been unable to find a real solution to these terrible problems that affect the whole country.

### **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. It's not too late for Camp Chattahoochee pre-teen camp; but it almost is. 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.

### **CAMP NURSES NEEDED**

From Ken Treybig, national camp coordinator:

A couple of our summer camps are in need of a nurse. The one for Camp Sequoia Preteen (runs June 13-17) had to back out. As well, Camp Fort Bluff (runs July 25-August 1) is still looking for one this year. If you are an RN or LPN and can help, please contact Mark Whynaucht for Sequoia ([mark.whynaucht@cogwa.org](mailto:mark.whynaucht@cogwa.org)) or Tom Schultz for Fort Bluff ([tom.schultz@cogwa.org](mailto:tom.schultz@cogwa.org)). Your service would be greatly appreciated!

### **SWARTZ SUMMER PICNIC**

Please set aside Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> 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**

After services today, we will have a short break, then we will have a congregational Bible Study. We will have the Bible Study in Hickory and Greensboro the following Sabbath, June 5th

## **RESUMING MEN'S CLUBS**

### **READ THIS IN RALEIGH AND HICKORY SABBATH OF 5/29 AND 6/5**

### **READ THIS IN GREENSBORO SABBATH OF 6/12 AND 6/19**

As has been mentioned recently, we are going to be starting up our Men's Club in the month of June. Raleigh and Hickory will have their first Men's Club after services on June 12. Greensboro will have theirs on the Sabbath of June 26.

We are going to a new format this year as we cover preparing to be able to give an answer for the hope that lies within us.

Since we have been doing these clubs for a number of years, we are going to put our leadership training skills to work in a new format.

In our first club meeting, we are going to be covering the doctrine of what happens when you die. To prepare, you will need to become familiar with what Mainstream Christianity teaches and why they believe that. You will also need to be familiar with how to answer their beliefs with proof of what we believe happens when you die. During the club meeting, two topics masters will be selected to ask questions from both points of view. In the last portion of club, four members will be selected to role play a scenario where a church member is asked about their belief on this particular topic."

So use the time you have now before club to research the topic and be prepared to ask questions of one another from both points of view. We hope you find this new format interesting and challenging. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Kelley. We hope you will enjoy this new and challenging format for our Men's Club.

## **Volunteering to Serve or Help With Special Music at the Feast**

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. Please log in to your Feast Registration to apply for service and/or choir.

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

## **FESTIVAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS**

Each year many faithful brethren donate extra funds from their Festival tithe so that other needy members can receive the financial assistance they need to attend the Feast of Tabernacles. Last year these generous contributions enabled nearly 125 people to attend the Feast who would have been unable to attend otherwise. The Church recognizes its responsibility to see that those contributions are distributed fairly and equitably.

If you have no tithable income or if you have faithfully saved your Festival tithe and will still not have sufficient funds to attend the Feast this year, we will be happy to help where we can. If you think you will need additional funds to be able to attend the Feast this fall, please contact our local Festival adviser, \_\_\_\_\_, or your pastor to get a Festival Assistance Member Information form. Complete the form and return it to your pastor or Festival adviser as soon as possible. (All information on the form will be treated as confidential.)

Ministerial Services has asked us to have all assistance applications turned in by June 27, so please pick up the form and return it to your congregation's Festival adviser or your pastor as quickly as possible.

Again, Festival financial assistance is available for those who do not have a tithable income and for those who do not have adequate funds to attend the Feast even though they have faithfully saved their Festival tithe.

## **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](#) or <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.**