

Announcements June 5, 2021

GLORIA WILLIAMS UPDATE

Gloria is having a difficult recovery as was expected. She has been quite lethargic and having trouble concentrating. She had another mini-stroke apparently sometime Thursday evening. She is unable to eat at this time, so they have inserted a feeding tube for nutrition.

NICK BOLINGER PRAYER REQUEST

I (Mr. Kelley) received a phone call from Nick Bolinger yesterday afternoon. Everything remains the same. He hasn't heard from his parole, he hasn't received his stimulus payments that he is entitled to, and the officials there have not arranged for Nick's liver treatment, nor the procedure to fix his knee. He is quite discouraged over this and has asked for your prayers. He says he is now becoming weaker each week that goes by without treatment. Nick is confident that God will intervene for Him but he is requesting your prayers that it will happen soon.

SWARTZ SUMMER PICNIC

Remember our annual Church picnic at the Swartz's is next Sunday June 13. Feel free to arrive any time after 11 a.m. We will plan on eating around 1 p.m. This year we will again have everyone bring their own food and drink.

A bar-b-que grill will be available.

Bring lawn chairs, plenty to eat and drink, games, and plan on spending the afternoon with your brethren.

We have great weather planned, so you won't want to miss it.

We are hopeful that many of you from the Raleigh and Hickory 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. The distance from the Hickory church hall to the Swartz home is also about 90 minutes, so this is in the middle for everyone – especially Greensboro! The address for the Swartz picnic is: 506 Shady Grove Church Rd. Winston-Salem.

What better way to spend a Sunday than with your church family once again enjoying socials together.

By the way, the more that people attend activities like this, that we plan for you, the more of them we'll have throughout the year.

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.

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 MEN'S CLUBS

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. *(So Hickory, you will only have this week to prepare for this since we rescheduled it to an earlier date because of Baker Mountain.)* 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.

FOR A FUTURE ANNOUNCEMENT IN RALEIGH ON JUNE 12:

Raleigh Announcement: We will have snacks after services next Sabbath, June 19th. From Carol Renegar: Regarding resuming a snack table and future potlucks: This is to let you know that we have no storage space, only those serving and helping with food are allowed in the kitchen - and if anything we bring that needs to be kept cold, should be brought in an ice cooler. Also, we are not allowed to use items in the kitchen. Since our storage space in the cabinet is very limited, we could all bring any serving utensils as needed. Actually, the only items we have room for on the bottom shelf of the cabinet are napkins, cups, water pitcher - that's it.

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.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.