

Announcements Feb 12, 2022

WILLIE WILLIAMS UPDATE

One of our shut-in members, Willie Williams, has recently had Covid, but is remaining virtually symptom free according to his daughter. He is experiencing a higher level of dementia now and is confused and frightened by his new surroundings at the nursing facility. He is currently a resident at Pineville Rehab and Living Center in Pineville which is near Charlotte.

UPDATE ON NICK BOLINGER

After writing again to the Parole Commission of NC regarding Mr. Bolinger's case, Mr. Kelley received the following response:

Unfortunately, due to Covid among other issues there has been quite a delay in the Parole Commission reviewing Mr. Bolinger for parole. I was just advised that the Division of Prison's is in the process of reviewing Mr. Bolinger for an Early Medical Release. Should it be determined that Mr. Bolinger meets the statutory criteria for a Medical Release, his case along with all pertinent medical information, including residence and aftercare planning will be forwarded to the Parole Commission for review. Please be assured that if Mr. Bolinger's case is referred to the Parole Commission for a Medical Release, he will be given every consideration and it will be reviewed in a timely manner.

Also a reminder that Mr. Bolinger has been transferred to Greene Correctional Institution near Maury, NC. Address to send mail is:

Nicholas Bolinger
0036631
Greene Correctional Institution
P O Box 247
Phoenix, MD 21131

FEB 19 – SOCIAL IN GREENSBORO

Remember our potluck and game night social will be held in Greensboro after services next Sabbath. "For our social meal, we have decided on a more "meat and potatoes" type potluck approach.

There is a sign-up sheet on the information table for either roast beef or fried chicken OR you can sign up for a "comfort food" side item and/or dessert.

Any questions, please contact Linda Williams.

After our meal, we'll all participate in a fun group game that will involve everyone.

RECOGNIZING MILDRED DOWELL

Immediately after services on Feb.19, we would like to honor Mrs. Mildred Dowell on her 90th birthday. I am happy to report that although Mrs. Dowell recently came down with Covid, she remained almost symptom free, and has now tested negative. She is beginning to regain her strength and we are very thankful that the danger appears to be past. Although her actual birthday is the following week, we will be celebrating a week early. We plan on doing a live Zoom/video singing Happy Birthday to her as a Church family. If anyone would like to say something after we sing, and Mr. Kelley says a few words, please feel free to do so. Following the celebration we will begin the Social.

Cards can be sent to:
Mildred Dowell
Clemmons Village 1 ALF
6401 Holder Road
Clemmons, NC 27012

SE Regional Teen Prom: March 19, 2022:

Teens are warmly invited to the Southeast Regional Teen Prom on March 19, 2022. The weekend's activities will be held south of Nashville in Columbia, TN. Teens will enjoy a special evening of dinner and dancing in the "Secret Garden," along with a tribute honoring this year's graduating seniors. The whole family is welcome to attend Friday night fellowship, Sabbath services, and the Sunday morning bowling and laser tag activity.

The COVID policy is subject to change, but currently we plan to require negative COVID tests within 4 days of the event (inclusive of all activities, including Sabbath services) for all attendees 12+ years of age to allow for traditional dancing. To register and/or to view complete details of the weekend, please visit the event website: <https://www.seteenprom.com/>

Please note: Registration will close March 1 or when 96 teens register (our max capacity).

ROKU CHANGES TO COGWA

For several years, COGWA programming (Sabbath services webcasts, *In Accord*, Friday Night Live and FI Online) has been available on Roku. This platform has made the COGWA video programs easily accessible for many of our brethren. Roku recently announced a change to the accessibility of its channels, which will require the Church to produce a **new COGWA Roku channel**. On Feb. 24 our current COGWA Roku channel will no longer be operational. However, we plan to have our **new COGWA** channel available and operational by the Sabbath of Feb. 26. We will be announcing further details about how to access our new COGWA Roku channel at upcoming Sabbath services and on *In Accord*.

CLARIFICATION OF BLOG INTENT

In regards to the blog that Mr. Kelley wrote yesterday and his mention of possibly starting up a food distribution program for our local members.... Mr. Kelley states the following:

This was intended as a reminder to our members that there is danger of our food supply becoming "less than normal" and unless one is prepared, a family could find themselves having difficulty finding essential items. The intent was to try to put something away for a "rainy month". For those who are blessed to have abundance, I thought it would be helpful to begin preparing a "charity supply" of various essential food items for distribution if and when it becomes necessary due to a particular crisis situation developing. I think it's best to prepare BEFORE we find ourselves in an emergency situation, but it looks quite ominous on the world and national scene right now that it could happen very quickly.

Various members who have the ability to supply food items could have them at the ready if the need arises. I want to hold off actually starting the local Food Distribution program for now and see what happens. In the meantime, if any person or family in our local congregations needs help with groceries right now, please let Mr. Kelley know and your needs will be met.

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.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

Note this is case sensitive.