

Announcements March 12, 2022

MEN'S CLUB

Our next Men's Club will be held after services today in Raleigh and next Sabbath March 19 in Hickory and Greensboro.

The topic of the Men's Club will center around answering questions about the various aspects of the Passover and the Days of Unleavened Bread. We will prepare our comments with the hypothetical premise that this will be the last time we celebrate these Days prior to the beginning of the Great Tribulation. In what ways would the symbols of the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread have a greater impact on our spiritual lives? So to prepare, please be thinking about how you would celebrate these aspects of the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread if this were to be your last time before the Tribulation and the Church being taken to the place of safety.

HICKORY LADIES CLUB -

Our next meeting will be held after services on March 19th. We will continue the topic discussion of "The Whole Armor of God." Discussing the Shield of Faith, The Helmet of Salvation and the Sword of the Word. We will once again have a special speaker to share the Roman Soldier's use of these pieces of armor. Don't miss this opportunity to share and learn with one another.

RALEIGH LADIES' CLUB SERVICE PROJECT

Sharing Unleavened Treats

If you would like to share some unleavened goodies with your brethren and our shut-ins, please bring a plate (or two) of your favorite unleavened goodies on the First Day of Unleavened Bread.

We will fill a container for each of our shut-ins first, and then enjoy the rest of the treats with our coffee or tea. Extra containers will be provided if anyone would like to take a selection of leftover goodies home.

If you would like to share your unleavened goodie recipe, please print off 5 or 6 copies and leave them with your treats.

We understand that leading up to the Spring Holy Days is a busy time. You might consider making your treats ahead of time and putting them in the freezer.

Happy Baking!

BIBLE STUDIES

Our next Bible Studies will be held after services in Raleigh on March 19 with Mr. Villaescusa, and in Greensboro on March 26, also with Mr. Steve Villaescusa. Hickory congregation will have Bible Study on March 26 with Mr. Arnold Burns

FI SUMMER CONTINUING EDUCATION

Pastors: Please announce the following over the next three Sabbaths starting March 5th.

From David Johnson and Ralph Levy:

We're back! After a three-year hiatus because of the coronavirus, Foundation Institute, Center for Biblical Education, is happy to announce the first two summer Continuing Education sessions since 2019.

The two weeklong sessions will be held in the Foundation Institute classroom at the Church's headquarters office in McKinney, Texas. We will have capacity for 36 students in each of the two sessions.

These two sessions will be held July 18 to 22 and July 25 to 29, 2022. Classes will be taught by Foundation Institute instructors David Johnson and Ralph Levy, as well as other ministers from the headquarters office. Some 29 hours of Bible instruction will be taught. Details about class offerings are not confirmed yet, but will be announced in due time. Class offerings may not be identical between the two seminars, but for the sake of space, we request that students sign up for only one of the two sessions.

The tuition for each session is \$75 per person or \$125 for a married couple. The fee will cover administrative costs for the program and a light lunch each day.

Registration will open at 10 a.m. Central time (local Texas time) on Sunday, March 20, 2022. Beginning at that time, you may sign up as a student by going to the Foundation Institute website (foundationinstitute.org), selecting "Continuing Education," and clicking on the "Register Now" button that will appear near the bottom of the page. Those accepted will receive a confirmation email and further details about the program. Information about local housing will also be sent to those accepted for one of the seminars.

We look forward to seeing you here in Texas, for our first summer Continuing Education seminars in three years. As they say here in Texas, *y'all come!*

FI OUTREACH PROGRAM 2022

Foundation Outreach International and the Church would like to announce an opportunity for up to four young adults to serve in two different educational projects in late July/early August of 2022 in the African counties of Zambia and Malawi! We are looking for young adults from the Church of God, a Worldwide Association, who are interested in serving brethren in these developing countries. Each project involves teaching English to our brethren in the rural areas of Malawi or Zambia. Participants for both projects will be gone a total of 12 to 14 days.

We recommend you visit the FOI website (accessible from the COGWA Members website). If you are **seriously interested** in any of these unique service projects, please pick up copies of both the **fact sheet** (which details requirements, dates and costs) and the **ATTACHED FULL application**. Note: Please submit this FULL APPLICATION (available at the information table or attached to this email). **DO NOT** submit the short, interest application from the website. The deadline for applying is **April 11, 2022, so get your application in soon!**

If you have any questions about this project, feel free to contact Doug Horchak at doug.horchak@cogwa.org.

Thank you all very much!

LEAVENING PRODUCTS:

As we all begin our cleaning process for the Days of Unleavened Bread, we may find we have a surplus of items that we just can't eat up before the days arrive. For anyone that finds their self with extra (unopened, non-expired) products, there will be a table set up (beginning next week) for anyone wishing to bring and share with other families who may be able to use these products. There is also a Potluck coming up in April before the Days of Unleavened Bread that will give you the opportunity to use up any leavening also.

PLEASE SEE THE INFORMATION TABLE: for a helpful handout of what is Leavening Agents and what is Not Leavening.

NIGHT TO BE MUCH OBSERVED.

Now is the time to begin your planning for the NTBMO. This year the date is Friday night, April 15th. As you get your small groups together, please include those who live alone and those who have transportation issues. We want to be sure everyone has a nice place to be to observe this very special occasion. If you are considering a nice restaurant, please don't delay making a reservation since this is the time of High School Proms, and it is also a Friday night – actually it's Good Friday, so reservations at nice restaurants will fill up fast.

GREENSBORO GROUP MEAL

If anyone is looking for a place to enjoy the NTBO , please consider joining your Greensboro brethren at the La Quinta Hotel in Greensboro. It is located less than 10 minutes from where we have services. We will have a delicious catered meal consisting of fresh tossed salad, small red potatoes, sliced beef, broasted chicken and string beans. The cost is 26.00 dollars per person, including cost of the room. If you definitely want to join us, please contact me asap. If not, please enjoy the company of our brethren wherever you celebrate! Bev Mcknight

PASSOVER AND UNLEAVENED BREAD LOCATIONS & TIMES

Remember, Passover is for baptized members only. Please remember to bring your towel. In Raleigh also bring your own basin for footwashing.

Passover – Thursday evening, April 14th

Raleigh – regular church hall – 7:45pm

Greensboro – adjacent building – 7:45pm (Because Grace Life's 'worship team' practices on Thursday nights in the main sanctuary, and Easter is that Sunday, April 17th, they will be rehearsing that night. So, because of this and not wanting to mingle with their people during the Passover service, we will need to do all aspects of the Passover service in the 2nd building. (We should even be able to use the restrooms over there.)

Hickory – Hickory Inn (formerly LaQuinta) 1607 Fairgrove Church Rd. SE, Conover – 8:00pm

First Day of Unleavened Bread: Sabbath, April 16

Raleigh – regular church hall – 1:30pm

Greensboro – regular church hall 1:30pm

Hickory – Hickory Inn – 1607 Fairgrove Church Rd, SE, Conover 1:30pm

LAST DAY OF UNLEAVENED BREAD – Friday, April 22

Raleigh and Greensboro combined – 10:30 and 2:30pm
 Mebane Community Arts Center, 633 Corregidor St., Mebane
 Potluck meal between services

Hickory and Asheville combined – 10:30 and 2:30pm
 Morganton Community House, 120 N. King St. Morganton
 No food allowed in facility – local restaurants

CHECK INFO TABLE

Please don't forget to check the information table for print-outs of various announcements and the weekly blog. This week in Raleigh there are copies of the prophecy charts for those who do not have internet access or cannot print files. They will be emailed to you soon. Also remember we have cards to sign for those who are on the prayer request list.

KELLEY'S AT MINISTERIAL REFRESHER

This is a reminder that the Kelley's will be headed to Dallas on Tuesday, March 22, and will return Monday afternoon, March 28th.

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.