

Announcements March 26, 2022

NICHOLAS BOLINGER RELEASE

We are happy to announce that Nick Bolinger will be released from prison at noon on Tuesday, March 29th. He hopes to be with us for Sabbath Services next Sabbath, April 2nd in Greensboro. We are planning a small reception for him after services and will serve cake and punch

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

Bible Studies will be held after services today in Greensboro, also with Mr. Steve Villaescusa. Hickory congregation will have Bible Study after services today with Mr. Arnold Burns

REMINDER FOI AFRICAN PROJECT

Headquarters asked us to repeat the following announcement this week:

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.

CAMP APPLICATIONS READY

We are excited to announce that the application system for our 2022 COGWA U.S. Youth Camps is now open! The camps with their dates and descriptions are on the camp website (<https://camps.cogwa.org/>). You'll find that the banner at the top of the home page shows this year's Christian living theme of "Courage Under Fire." You'll also see a map displaying the location of our camps and videos of Mr. Franks' welcome message, as well as one message giving some insight into our thought process in choosing this year's theme. As Christians, both we and our children face increasing pressures to compromise with God's truth and values. We believe campers and staff members alike will benefit from a discussion of this theme while enjoying the positive fun that is "the norm" at our camps!

Since COVID cases have come down greatly across the country, unless circumstances change dramatically, we are removing the COVID protocols we used last year and are planning for a normal camp environment and activities this year.

To apply, simply log into your COGWA Portal account at <https://portal.cogwa.org/acct/login.php> and look for the link on the bottom left of your account page. As you start, keep in mind that you will need to upload a recent photo for each applicant, as well as health and medical information (doctor, dentist, insurance, etc.). This year we are using a two-step process. Basic applicant information will be collected in the first set of tabs, then you'll be asked to click a large green button to enter health information.

We look forward to receiving your application. **APPLY NOW!**

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.

Hopefully all of you have completed your plans for the NTBMO. This year the date is Friday night, April 15th. If you still need a place to go so that you won't have to be alone, please let Mr. Kelley know today. This should be part of our discussions with one another after services to make sure we have somewhere to go or if we could invite someone to be with us.

STATEMENT ABOUT NTBMO FROM HQ:

Of particular note is our statement on *the timing* of the festivities and the meal. This year sunset is quite late (8 p.m. or so in some cases). Our statement includes the following comments on the timing of the meal and eating that night—which might well affect when you begin your NTBMO gathering:

In areas where the sun sets quite late, a portion of the evening's festivities and meal may begin in advance of sundown, but we must not forget that the purpose is to celebrate the "Night to Be Much Observed." Therefore, the meal and any related activities should not conclude prior to sunset.

This would allow for hosts to begin the evening (snacks, hors d'oeuvres, and beginning of the meal) earlier, but they should make sure the meal is ongoing after sunset.

If you need to see the complete statement about this topic, please request it from Mr. Kelley

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. Also remember we have cards to sign for those who are on the prayer request list.

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.