

Announcements April 2, 2022

NICHOLAS BOLINGER

We are happy to announce that Nicholas Bolinger is settling in to his new temporary residence at the home of Adolph Murdock. I hope all of you will have the chance to meet him and spend some time with him soon. We are working to secure placement in an extended care facility in the near future and are working on a possible location near Greensboro to open soon. In the meantime, he will stay with Mr. Murdock. If you would like to visit there, please make private arrangements with Mr. Murdock in regards to a date and time for a visit. We are planning a small reception for him after services in the adjacent building and will serve refreshments and cake.

HICKORY PRAYER REQUEST:

Sharon Kehoe had surgery this past Monday. She had a rough start at first, however; she is now progressing well. She is working toward endurance before her return home. She is missing everyone and sends her Hellos. Sharon request continued prayers on her behalf for God's complete healing.

If you would like to visit her, she is at the Catawba Valley Medical Center, 810 Fairgrove Church Rd. SE, Hickory (Room #608).

The Hospital's main lobby entrance is closed on weekends, please enter through the ER entrance. You will be required to check in and wear a mask.

THA SEIN

Tha Sein will be having the rest of the procedure on his heart this coming Friday, April 8th. They had done one stent already, but he needs at least two more. He's been having some weakness and headaches, but is hoping that all improves after the procedure. Tha Sein and the family request your prayers for a successful procedure and recovery.

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.

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!

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!**

POTLUCKS ALL THREE CONGREGATIONS:

Hickory/Greensboro/Raleigh will have a potluck after services next Sabbath, April 9th. Please bring your favorite potluck foods and plenty of leavened products. Plan to bring enough for your family and one extra person. It's good opportunity to use the last of your leavening products. Plan to stay and enjoy an afternoon or evening of extra fellowship on the Sabbath

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.

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.

For Passover, please plan to arrive about 20 minutes prior to the start of services. We would like to restrict entry into the meeting room to those who are specifically setting up for the service.

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 – Comfort Inn Mainstay (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 – Comfort Inn Mainstay – 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 Morganton Community House, 120 N. King St. Morganton. Services at 10:30am and **2:00pm (we must vacate premises no later than 4:30pm, to allow another group coming in) – NO Food or Beverages allowed in Facility.** There are several local area restaurants.

HOLY DAY OFFERINGS

We will resume our normal way of collecting the offering on the Holy Days during the Days of Unleavened Bread. This means you will need to remember to locate and secure your blue Holy Day Offering Envelopes and be sure to bring them with you.

As always, please be very careful in preparing your offering and writing the information on the outside of the envelope. Please be sure to write clearly. Please have your donor ID # available. Please be sure the amount of your offering in the envelope matches the amount you enter on the outside of the offering. Don't forget to sign your checks.

For those who would rather not participate in passing the offering basket, the Covid "Black Box" will be available to you on the information table to accept your Holy Day offering ONLY for that particular Holy Day.

You can also give your Holy Day Offering online.

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 DON'T NEED TO READ THIS.

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 DON'T NEED TO READ THIS

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.