

## **Announcements April 9, 2022**

### **THA SEIN**

His heart procedure went very well yesterday. Julius wrote the following last night: "Today at around 10am Tha Sein had the Catheterization on the left side of his heart. They had put two stents in his left coronary artery instead of three from the initial plan, which was the good news. With God's mercy and love the procedure went well and the doctor was happy with the results. Tha Sein was able to come home around 5:30pm and as right now he is doing well and resting. He will continue on his medication. This will take quite some time for him to recover and return to normal. He and the whole family would like to thank you and appreciate all the brethren for their prayers".

### **MARK FISCHER**

My surgery has been scheduled for open heart surgery Wednesday, April 13, and they say they will keep me for 5-7 days. Anyone who wants to visit should plan on the weekend. The catheterization didn't find any other blockages and all my appointments since then have been very upbeat. Mark said: My son is here and my daughter is planning to come in 1 week. I appreciate the concern of the brethren. The hospital is:

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### **SHARON KEHOE UPDATE**

Sharon Kehoe of the Hickory congregation is still in the hospital following major hernia surgery. She had a very rough day on Wednesday (not sure if she had a pancreatitis attack, still waiting for test results). Her oxygen levels continue to drop, they are uncertain as to why. Sharon request your prayers that her oxygen levels would stabilize and that her strength would improve. At this time it is uncertain as to when she will return home.

She said to tell everyone hello and she misses everyone.

Sharon would love to have visitors. (Catawba Valley Medical Center, 810 Fairgrove Church Rd. SE, Hickory - Room #608).

NOTE: 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.

### **NICHOLAS BOLINGER NEW RESIDENCE**

Mr. Bolinger has become a resident at the Ashton Health and Rehab located at 5533 Burlington Rd. McLeansville, NC 27301. He moved into this facility yesterday afternoon. Also, Nicholas has his own phone and phone number now and should be able to talk with you if you call him. The number is 336-324-1317.

He should be able to attend the Passover and the Holy Days as planned and then regular church services as he continues to be able to do so. I know he would love for all of you to be able to visit him. Perhaps in the next couple of months, many of you can make a special effort to go over and meet him. I know he would love that.

## **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!

### **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 14<sup>th</sup>

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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> building. (We should even be able to use the restrooms over there.)

**Special announcement regarding Greensboro Passover.** Since we are meeting in the adjacent hall, it has a concrete floor. Members should plan to bring a small pillow or cushion, or an extra towel to kneel on for comfort.

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.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Please keep in mind that we cannot enter the building prior to 9:00am, and we must be out of the building no later than 5:00pm

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.

## TIER 2 DONATIONS

It’s time to remind everyone again about the need for Tier 2 donations from the members of the congregation. Tier 2 funds are what we use to fund all our social activities including snacks and potlucks. If you have not made a Tier 2 donation in the past year it would be helpful if you could consider making a small donation to this fund. Even a very small donation is helpful. These donations are tax deductible and should be sent to your local church treasurer. You will be sent a receipt in January of the following year for tax purposes.

## 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.