

Announcements May 7, 2022

HICKORY – DONNA HENSLEY UPDATE

One of our shut-in members, Donna Hensley wanted to say thank you to you for the throw quilt that was made for her recently. She has been having some ongoing issues with various infections and weakness, but overall is doing well. She recently experienced God removing a small growth in the back of her throat. She had a second visit with a doctor to examine the growth, but it was gone.

RALEIGH - THANKS FROM NAJE WILLIS

Hi this is Naje', i just wanted to reach out and ask if an announcement can be made saying I'm very thankful for all the love shown and welcoming me with open arms. And to also thank everyone for including me last week in congratulating us (graduates), and also the food, as well as cake, were amazing!

RALEIGH SNACK SERVERS NEEDED

Anyone who would like to volunteer to help with the coffee and snacks please sign the sign-up sheet at the information table. Questions? See Gail Iacobucci

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!**

I would highly encourage you parents to seriously consider sending your kids to Camp this year. It is 3 hours and 12 minutes away from Greensboro located just southwest of Columbia, SC. I personally believe it is essential for our younger kids to attend the Pre-Teen camps if at all possible. It would be one of the greatest investments you can make in your child's future.

FESTIVAL TRANSFER PROCESS

(Pastors, please announce this on May 7 and 14.)

Festival transfer registration: Registration for all members requesting a transfer to a Feast site other than their assigned site will open on Sunday, May 15. After you've registered, you will receive notification by no later than Thursday, May 19, either that your transfer has been accepted or that you need to register for another site.

We anticipate some sites being quite popular and filling up quickly, as is typically the case each year. In an effort to remove stress when registering, as well as make it as fair as possible, we have decided to move away from a "first come, first served" basis. In sites that have more transfer requests than there is room, the site coordinator will use an automated selection system to fill all slots beginning Tuesday, May 17. That means all members will have 48 hours to register for the site they would like to attend. Then, within 48 hours after that (May 19), you will receive notification of whether you have been accepted or will need to register for another site.

Please note:

- If you register for a site that ends up with more people requesting transfers than there is room to accept, we will give preference to those who have not attended that particular site the previous two years.
- While we cannot accommodate various friends or families that desire to attend the same site, if members actually need to attend with extended family or are needing to share a room with another member, please be sure to fill in the "Names in your group" box when registering with the names of your roommate or all extended family members that need to attend together. By doing so, if one family member's name is drawn we will attempt to accept all the extended family members whose names were grouped together. Note that even if someone is listed in the "Names in your group" box, ALL individual households must register.

As mentioned previously, all members will receive notification of being accepted to their transfer site request no later than Thursday, May 19.

International travel registration: If you would like to register for an overseas site, please be aware that there is an extra step to your registration process. First, please select your site from the drop-down listing at the portal. Then, after you've finished your registration online, please go to feast.cogwa.org for further instructions for the site that you selected. Most international sites will ask you to contact the Festival coordinator for that site.

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.