

Announcements June 18, 2022

NICK BOLINGER UPDATE

I wanted to give you an update regarding Mr. Bolinger. His condition is deteriorating rapidly and it appears he may have a fairly short amount of time left. He is losing a great deal of weight and has become completely bedfast. His legs are locked in a bent position. He has developed some backside ulcers despite being repositioned frequently. Regretfully, Nick fell out of his bed Wednesday night and had to be taken to Moses Cone for stitches of a head laceration. They did a CT scan but found no effect of the trauma, so that was good news. However, due to the cancer in his brain, Nick has frequent episodes of confusion and forgetfulness and easily becomes disoriented. Hospice staff are visiting him on a regular basis now.

JOHN AND BARBARA SPENCE UPDATE (RALEIGH SHUT-INS)

I received a call from John Spence yesterday. He wanted to update me on what's going on with Barbara, and he asked me to pass this along to the congregation. Barbara's Alzheimer's condition has continued to deteriorate to the point where John feels he cannot adequately care for her at home. They are working on having her placed at Carteret Landing Memory Care Unit located at 221 Friendly Rd. in Morehead City, NC. He hopes to have her placed there by the first of July. This location is about 30 minutes from their daughter's home. John appreciates your continued prayers for this difficult situation and appreciates everything you have all done for them.

RALEIGH JULY 2 INDOOR PICNIC

We will be having an Indoor Picnic Potluck on July 2nd. Mr. Burns will be bringing his grill for the hot dogs and hamburgers. There is a sign up list at the Information Table to select what you would like to bring, so please sign up this week. In addition to the picnic we will also be having a farewell reception for Kristin Bettes and Leanna.”

SONG LEADING CLASS

Mr. Burns will be holding a song-leading class in Raleigh next Sabbath, June 25.

GREENVILLE FEAST EMBASSY SUITES AND CROWN PLAZA

This information was emailed to those who have registered for Greenville, but just in case anyone missed this, I wanted to repeat this information today.

Housing update and Sabbath information

To our surprise, we filled the room block at the Embassy Suites already. We have a new room block at another very nice nearby hotel, the Crowne Plaza, which is between 1 and 1.5 miles away. The rate is also \$110 plus tax just like the Embassy Suites. Here is the link if you would like to book there: [Church of God COGWA Group Room Block](#). Additional housing in other hotels or houses or apartments can be found by looking online.

Sabbath on Oct. 8

We will have Sabbath services at the Embassy Suites on the Sabbath before the Feast starts, Oct. 8. Services will begin at 2 p.m.

FESTIVAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

Please announce as needed, beginning on June 18, 2022:

Each year many faithful brethren donate extra funds from their Festival tithe so that other needy members can receive the financial assistance they need to attend the Feast of Tabernacles. Last year these generous contributions enabled nearly 125 people to attend the Feast who would have been unable to attend otherwise. The Church recognizes its responsibility to see that these contributions are distributed fairly and equitably.

If you have faithfully saved your Festival tithe and will still not have sufficient funds to attend the Feast this year, we will be happy to help where we can. If you think you will need additional funds to be able to attend the Feast this fall, please contact our local Festival adviser, _____, or your pastor to get a Festival Assistance Member Information form. Complete the form and return it to your pastor or Festival adviser as soon as possible. (All information on the form will be treated as confidential.)

Ministerial Services has asked us to have all assistance applications turned in by July 18, so please pick up the form and return it to your congregation's Festival adviser or your pastor as quickly as possible.

Again, Festival financial assistance is available for those who do not have adequate funds to attend the Feast even though they have faithfully saved their Festival tithe.

EXCESS FESTIVAL TITHE

Through the years, many of us have seen and experienced a variety of ways in which God has fulfilled His promises to bless those who faithfully tithe. While some members have limited income, the generosity of their spiritual brothers and sisters has enabled hundreds to share in the blessings of the Feast of Tabernacles each year. On their behalf, we wish to extend a warm *thank you!* to those who have shared their abundance.

We are once again approaching the time when we will need to provide financial assistance to those brethren who would be unable to attend the Feast without help. Government regulations permit charitable organizations to provide a modest amount of financial aid to those in need so they can share in this kind of religious activity. Therefore, we have established policies and procedures that allow the Church to legally, fairly and equitably provide this special benefit to members who qualify.

It would be helpful if those who wish to contribute excess Festival tithe to help their brethren attend the Feast can begin to send in those funds. You may include any contributions with your regular tithes and offerings if you wish—just be sure to indicate how much you wish to designate for this special purpose.

Thank you in advance on behalf of the many who will be able to enjoy the Feast of Tabernacles this year as a result of your generosity in sharing the blessings God has given you.

TITHE OF THE TITHE

Years ago, the Church of God established a custom of asking members to voluntarily contribute a tenth of their Festival tithe—referred to as a “tithe of the tithe”—to the Church to cover the many expenses incurred in providing so much of what we enjoy at the Feast. These expenses include hall rent, office supplies, audio and video equipment, decorations, activities, etc. Since all of us benefit from these items, it seems appropriate that we all contribute a portion of the Festival tithe we have saved to meet those expenses. If you are unable to contribute a full tenth of your Festival tithe but would still like to help, all such contributions are appreciated.

If you send a contribution to help meet these Feast expenses, please label it “tithe of the tithe,” so we will know your intent. You may include those funds with regular tithes and offerings if you wish—just clearly indicate how much you wish to designate for this purpose.

Again, we thank you for your generosity in helping to make the Feast special for all of us.

YOUNG ADULT LEADERSHIP WEEKEND

The Church of God, a Worldwide Association, is pleased to invite our young adults to participate in another Young Adult Leadership Weekend, to take place simultaneously over Labor Day weekend (Sept. 3-4, 2022) in Atlanta, Georgia; Bentonville, Arkansas; Cincinnati, Ohio; Fort Worth, Texas; Lodi, California; and the Twin Cities, Minnesota.

This year's theme will be "In the World, but Not of the World: Navigating Satan's Alternate Universe." During the weekend, we'll identify specific ways Satan has overturned truth to try to assimilate you into this present, evil world, where evil is labeled as good and lies are presented as truth. We'll then explore what young adults in the Church can do to shine brightly as godly lights living *in* the world, but not being *of* the world.

We hope you will register early and plan to join us for this special weekend! Online registration will open on June 16. You can find additional information and the registration link at members.cogwa.org/yalw.

For a weekend of inspiration, encouragement and leadership development, plan to attend YALW 2022!

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.