

Announcements June 25, 2022

NICK BOLINGER UPDATE

Nick continues to be very frail and apparently nearing death. He is unable to eat. He still has some mental alertness and was able to communicate with Mr. Kelley on Thursday afternoon. He spends most of the time sleeping due to the medication he is receiving.

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." A "fish bowl" will be available for you to place cards for them and any gift you might like to give as they leave our area.

HICKORY ICE CREAM SOCIAL

After services on July 9th, Hickory will enjoy our annual ice cream social. Please bring your favorite potluck items and plan to stay for a bowl or cone of ice cream with toppings.

GRADUATION RECOGNITION

On July 16th we will celebrate Skylar's graduation. Mr. Burns or someone, has graciously volunteered to bring the grill so please bring whatever you would like for him to grill. Weather permitting we will be able to sit outside under the huge tree as we have extended fellowship, great food and wish Skylar future success.

FOR YOUR FESTIVAL PLANNING

We wanted to let you know that we will not be having any local services on Sabbath, October 8th – the Sabbath just prior to the Feast beginning on Sunday night. There will be services held in Greenville at the Feast site beginning at 2:00pm. These services will be Webcast to those who have not yet left for the Feast.

VOLUNTEERING FOR GREENVILLE INFORMATION TABLE

If you are interested in serving at the Information Table in Greenville, please notify Mr. Kelley. He will be overseeing the information table responsibilities this year.

FESTIVAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

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.