

Announcements September 17, 2022

CHATHAM VIRGINIA SPECIAL WEEKEND RE-PLANNED –

Remember that Larry Lambert and the Roanoke, VA congregations are once again planning to have a special Weekend Retreat at a beautiful facility in Chatham, Virginia.

So the weekend is being planned again to take place on December 10 and 11. The weekend will consist of a seminar or Bible study on the Sabbath morning with everyone doing their own thing for lunch. Then Sabbath service in the afternoon (probably at 2:30), followed by a catered meal for dinner and fellowship. Then after sunset we will have a family dance. Sunday morning we will have novelty Olympics.

Please mark these dates on your calendar and join us on December 10th and 11th. If you are interested, Mr. Lambert would like to know ASAP so that he can block off an appropriate number of rooms. The hotel we will be using is the Hampton Inn, 200 McBride Lane, Gretna, Virginia, 24557. Mr. Lambert hopes to obtain a nice discount for us.

If enough people from Greensboro plan to go like we planned last year, we will cancel services - especially in Greensboro. Chatham is about 1 hour 15 minutes from the Greensboro church hall. It is about 1 hour 45 minutes from the Raleigh Church, and 2 hours 30 minutes from Hickory.

I will have many more details to come, but again, this is similar to last year and we had a very significant number of our members who planned to attend. We hope the same number or more will plan to participate in this special weekend event with our Church neighbors to the North from the Roanoke congregation.

Here is Mr. Lambert's contact information:

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When writing or texting to Mr. Lambert, please CC to me so I will have an idea how many of our members are interested in attending.

GREENSBORO SABBATH SCHOOL STARTS

We will be having a monthly Sabbath School beginning October 1. The class will begin at promptly 2:25pm. The classes are designed for pre-teen ages 6-12, but any child is welcome. The first class will revolve around the meaning of the Fall Holy Days. Karen Dolby will be the instructor and helpers are welcomed.

MEN'S CLUB

We will be having Men's Club after services in Raleigh today here in the front of the auditorium. Hickory and Greensboro will have Men's Club next Sabbath.

We'll be having an extended topics session about the purpose of Men's Club and why leadership among the men of the congregation is important in the first place.

I'm not providing the questions ahead of time because I'm including the aspect of being able to speak extemporaneously about an important topic regarding leadership.

I'll be asking 3 questions and I'm hoping that each of you will choose one of the questions to respond to with an approximately 2 minute answer.

The entire club will still be planned for only about 35 minutes

LADIES CLUB – HICKORY

The Hickory ladies will have their next club meeting also next Sabbath, Sept 24. Topic is introduction to the journey of the Fruit of the Holy Spirit

FALL HOLY DAY DATES/LOCATIONS/TIMES

The Feast of Trumpets is on Monday, September 26th this year. Once again we will have combined services.

Greensboro and Raleigh will combine again at the Mebane Community Arts Center on Corregidor Drive in Mebane. Services will be at 10:30am and 2:30pm with lunch on your own. You are welcome to bring in a “picnic” lunch for sharing.

The Hickory congregation will again combine with Asheville at the Community House 120 N King St in Morganton. Services there are also at 10:30am and 2:30pm. No food is allowed in the facility, but there are several nice restaurants located within walking distance as well as a very nice shelter area just below the main parking lot.

DAY OF ATONEMENT

This year the Day of Atonement is on Wednesday, October 5th. Each congregation will have services at the regular church hall, and services in all 3 congregations will be held at 1:00pm.

SABBATH JUST PRIOR TO THE FEAST

There will not be local Sabbath Service on October 8th (Sabbath just prior to the Feast). Sabbath services will be on site at the Greenville, SC Feast site (Embassy Suites) beginning at 2:00pm. This service will be Webcast and made available for those who have not yet left for the Feast.

HOLY DAY OFFERING ENVELOPES

All of you should have received the blue Holy Day Offering envelopes from HQ. Please be sure to secure your envelopes so that you will be sure to have them with you during the upcoming Fall Holy Days. And – if you write your check while at services, please don't forget to also bring your checkbook! That's an easy thing to forget these days since we pay for so many things now with credit cards.

ANNUAL CHILI SOCIAL IS BACK

We are happy to announce that our popular chili social is coming back this year! The event will again be held at the home of the Kelley's, and the date is Sunday, October 30th. More details to come, but please hold open the date and let's plan to make this the best chili social ever!

SPRING FORMAL DANCE – For your really future planning! ☺

The Atlanta and Jefferson, Georgia, congregations invite you to come celebrate with us April 7-9, over the 2023 spring holy days. The Atlanta congregation held its first service in May 1963. The Athens (Jefferson/Gainesville) congregation held its first service in 1973. To celebrate these special 50th and 60th anniversaries, we are hosting a weekend in Gainesville, Georgia, you won't soon forget. You don't have to be from the Atlanta area to come and have fun with us. After a day of travel, come relax and catch up with a Friday night “Meet and Greet” at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites Gainesville. Special pricing has been negotiated for those looking for an excellent location to stay for the weekend. The next morning, enjoy a complimentary breakfast together at the hotel before Sabbath services at 1 p.m. We are looking for talented individuals to perform special music. If interested, please provide your performance information on the registration form. **Saturday evening, guests 18 and older are invited to a black-tie affair with dinner and dancing.** The young and young at heart will dance the evening away to the band Stone Def Mountain. In between, a DJ will

play hits covering many decades. We will share special memories from the past and make new memories. We will offer childcare as well as a separate room for teens for \$5 per child (maximum of \$20 per family), which includes a nacho bar, a movie and games. **For more information, as well as registration, please visit our website COGWASpringFormal.com. Registration ends March 7, 2023.**

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:

Login: **Please contact Mr. Ron Kelley for user name and password.** Note this is case sensitive.