

Announcements October 1, 2022

UPDATE ON HURRICANE AND FT MYERS

Yesterday, I sent an email I received from HQ that informed us that they have been forced to cancel Ft. Myers Feast site. But the good news is that it appears all of our members are safe although several have sustained some type of damages.

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. The theme of the Weekend is going to be: Personally Involved in Preaching the Gospel".

So the weekend will 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.

We hope many of you 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:

Larry Lambert
704-905-1182
Larry.Lambert@cogwa.org

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.

Mr. Lambert also asked us to respond to this:

Several have indicated that they will be coming to Chatham. Could you ask those who have told me they were coming to let me know if they need a room and for how many nights?

GREENSBORO SABBATH SCHOOL STARTS

We will be having a monthly Sabbath School beginning on the Day of Atonement. The class will begin shortly after services. 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.

DAY OF ATONEMENT

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. No food or drink allowed in the auditorium.

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.

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!

FOUNDATION INSTITUTE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

We are now accepting applications for Foundation Institute for the 2023-2024 academic year. We have modified the entry requirements and will now consider applicants who have graduated from secondary school and do not yet have college experience. Please see the attached document for the revised entry requirements. We are making plans for a special Sabbath morning meeting at the Winter Family Weekend for interested students and their families, so please encourage any potential students to make plans to attend.

BLESSING OF LITTLE CHILDREN:

As has been the long-standing tradition of the Church, the Blessing of Little Children is planned to take place on the second Sabbath after the Feast of Tabernacles—Oct. 29. If you have a child to be blessed and have not notified Mr. Kelley, please let him know

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.**

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Holy Day Offering

The Church of God, a Worldwide Association, will be using its traditional way of collecting the holy day offerings during the upcoming fall holy days. Passing the offertory baskets is, of course, the method the Church used for the past many decades. Nevertheless, the option to donate online will still be available if that is anyone's personal preference.

The Church has mailed holy day offering envelopes along with a wall calendar for 2023. Using these envelopes for your holy day offerings makes processing much easier.

If older children turn in an offering separate from their parents, they are welcome to have their own envelopes. We are legally required to issue a receipt to the person whose name appears on the envelope. If parents want a child's offering added to their record, the parent's name must be on the envelope. If you do not want a receipt, please write "No Receipt" on the envelope.

Please clearly print your complete name and mailing address as they should appear on your contribution receipt. Please also include your donor envelope number, which was printed on your annual receipt. If the envelopes you are using do not include a space for the donor envelope number, please write your donor envelope number beneath the date in the upper left-hand corner of the envelopes (see image below). This information should be filled in on the *printed* side of the envelope. This will enable us to include the holy day offering in your contribution receipt.

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Most local church areas will be processing the holy day offerings locally, so please make sure checks or money orders are made payable to: _____

If you choose to include other funds besides your offering for this holy day (tithes, an offering for another holy day, etc.), please note that these additional funds will be treated as part of your offering for the specific holy day on which they were received. If you would prefer these additional funds be accounted as tithes or other offerings, then please send them separately.

Please remember that the seven annual holy day offerings are in addition to your regular tithes and offerings. Thank you for your generosity and your understanding.

FEAST OF TABERNACLES COVID PROTOCOL ANNOUNCEMENT:

We do ask that you read through the following announcement this Sabbath, Oct. 1, or the Day of Atonement, Oct. 5:

We are all excited about keeping the 2022 Feast of Tabernacles—God’s plan to focus His people on the glorious future ahead for the Church and all of mankind! However, as we are all very aware, whenever large groups of God’s people are together for 8 to 9 days, it is possible for some to get sick. In light of that possibility, we wanted to remind all of our brethren of the importance of some key responsibilities we all share while being at the Feast:

- If someone in your family shows symptoms or becomes ill, we ask that he or she not attend services. This is true whether one is experiencing symptoms associated with COVID-19, the flu or another illness.
- If you have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID or has the symptoms of COVID, you are advised to stay away from in-person services for a couple of days to be sure you are not ill as well, or you may choose to get tested.

While many of the protocols that were imposed over the past 2½ years are no longer mandated, there are still some commonsense guidelines we ask all of our members to abide by as we approach the Feast. If any member is interested in having some further information about reminders and protocols to be aware of if someone becomes ill during the Feast, your pastor has a document that addresses this guidance in greater detail.

As always, we look to our Heavenly Father for His blessing and protection for His people—especially as we make a sincere effort to obey Him by observing the Feast of Tabernacles. However, we can have confidence in God’s guiding hand and care when we do our part with safety and prevention.

FEAST OF TABERNACLES WEBCASTS

Access to COGWA Feast of Tabernacles Webcasts

COGWA will be hosting live, daily webcasts from two of our U.S. websites this year: Greenville, South Carolina, and Tucson, Arizona.

Sabbath, Oct. 8, webcasts: For those needing to tune in to a COGWA Sabbath service on the Sabbath of Oct. 8, a list of available webcasts will also be listed and available on the cogwa.tv website.

Access to these webcasts (in English) will be available on the cogwa.tv website, on Roku and through the Feast of Tabernacles smartphone app.

Please note: *A password will be required on the cogwa.tv website.* The password is fot (just those three letters).

NOTE: All of our morning services will begin at 10 a.m. in the time zone in which they originate:

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 DON'T NEED TO READ THIS

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.