

Announcements October 29, 2022

MARK MCCLOUD

Everything went well with the surgery yesterday. No evidence of any infection. He said there was good blood flow so he did not anticipate any problem with healing. Said about 6 week timeline for a prosthesis. Said there was very little blood loss during surgery. Mark did fine. He should be in the hospital for several days and then transferred to a rehab unit.

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. The hotel we will be using is the Hampton Inn, 200 McBride Lane, Gretna, Virginia, 24557. Reservations can be made now.

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. We are NOT planning to have services in Greensboro that Sabbath as many are planning to attend.

Here is Mr. Lambert's contact information:

Larry Lambert

704-905-1182

Larry.Lambert@cogwa.org<mailto:Larry.Lambert@cogwa.org>

Silent Cake Auction for 2022 Chatham Family Weekend

Once again we'd like to have a silent cake auction at the Chatham Family Weekend. The cakes will be displayed on a table off to the side during the dance. There you can write in your name and bids. All proceeds will go to benefit our local youth fund for camps. The winners will be announced at the end of the evening. This way we can raise funds without disrupting the family dance. If you'd like to donate a homemade or store bought cake to be auctioned, please email Amy Tranquada at Amy.Tranquada@gmail.com.

Menu for the Chatham Family Weekend

The Roanoke congregation is planning to have pizza and a salad bar for the meal on Saturday night. There will also be an option of chicken for those who have a gluten allergy and cannot eat pizza. If you have this need please email Amy.Tranquada@gmail.com<mailto:Amy.Tranquada@gmail.com> so that we can plan accordingly. There is no required cost for the pizza. But for those who would like to contribute, we are asking for a donation of \$5 per person, or a maximum of \$15 per family to help

offset the cost of the pizza. For dessert we're planning on having a cookie table once again. Anyone is welcome to bring their favorite homemade or store bought cookies to set out for dessert and to snack on during the dance.

WINTER FAMILY WEEKEND IN LOUISVILLE, KY

Please make plans to join us for this year's Winter Family Weekend at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky!

This year's event will run from Friday evening, Dec. 23, through Tuesday evening, Dec. 27, and will feature plenty of fellowship time, the opportunity to gain knowledge on how we can "Walk by Faith" and the chance to burn some energy by participating in many of the WFW activities you have come to enjoy over the years-and some new ones too!

Some have asked: Will we have traditional sports? And will there be a dance?

The answer to both questions is YES! Traditional basketball and volleyball, as well as the teen and preteen volleyball clinics, will return this year. In addition, we will have a costume dance for the entire family, as well as additional dancing the evening of the live band performances. So, bust out your best dribbling and volley skills, costumes and dancing shoes!

Registration for this year's Winter Family Weekend is scheduled to open Tuesday, Nov. 1. Registration will be open through your COGWA Portal, so be sure to check there on or after Nov. 1.

Shortly after you register, you will receive a confirmation email that will also contain a link to book your hotel room at the Galt House Hotel. The hotel reservation link will also be made available on the WFW web page. This year we have a Dec. 16 deadline for hotel reservations, so don't delay! Please note that WFW and hotel reservations are not the same, and both processes need to be completed.

For a list of the activities being planned and other information about the 2022 Winter Family Weekend, please reference the WFW Fact Sheet or visit the WFW website at members.cogwa.org/wfw<<https://members.cogwa.org/wfw/>>.

We look forward to seeing you there!

WFW Live Band Night Announcement

During this year's WFW, on Sunday night, Dec. 25, we will once again provide an evening of live music from church bands. If you have a band and would like to play a set, please contact Mark Winner at mark.winner@cogwa.org<<http://mark.winner@cogwa.org>> no later than Nov. 13. This is not a "jam session," but rather an opportunity for any organized band to play a predetermined set. If you and your bandmates would enjoy the opportunity to entertain an eager crowd of listeners, we would love to hear from you. Please direct any band-related questions to Mark Winner.

WFW Churchill Downs and Progressive Dinner Announcement

Are you planning to attend the Winter Family Weekend in Louisville this year? If so, please join us for two very special events.

Churchill Downs Tour and Lunch

Join us as we tour Churchill Downs, home of the world-famous Kentucky Derby. The tour will begin with lunch at the Derby Café & Bourbon Bar, located at Churchill Downs. After lunch, we will tour the Churchill Downs Museum and then take a walking tour, where our guide will lead us down to the legendary dirt track of the Kentucky Derby. The tour concludes with a viewing of the epic film *The Greatest Race*, <<https://www.derbymuseum.org/Exhibits/Detail/8/The-Greatest-Race>> a 360-degree, 18-minute media experience that will "send your heart racing and emotions soaring."

Tour date: Dec. 26

Tour time: 12 noon to 4:15 p.m.

Cost: \$75 per person (all-inclusive)

Space: Limited to the first 32 people

Progressive Dinner of Louisville

Climb aboard our 32-passenger executive bus and join us for a night of fun, fellowship and food from three of Louisville's most popular food destinations. We will begin this special evening with appetizers at the world-renowned Brown Hotel. The hotel's old-world elegance is the perfect place to start this special evening. Soak in the charm of this unique hotel as you enjoy good conversation and delicious appetizers. A cash bar will be available.

Next, continue the memories with the main course served at locally owned Buck's Restaurant. Experience authentic fine dining in historic old Louisville. The entrées being offered are crispy fish, limoncello chicken, filet mignon and rack of lamb. Each entrée includes a starch and a choice of the wedge or apple orchard salad. A cash bar will be available.

As a final leg of our dinner, the bus will take us to Vincenzo's Italian Restaurant for dessert. Vincenzo's will be a unique and elegant place to end our evening as we enjoy none other than their award-winning tiramisu. A cash bar will be available.

Date: Dec. 26

Time: 5:15 to 9:15 p.m.

Cost: \$160 per person (all-inclusive)

Space: Limited to the first 32 people

RALEIGH POTLUCK

We are planning a "Thanksgiving" themed potluck for November 12th. Please bring your favorite side dish, dessert and beverage. If anyone is interested in bringing a turkey, please let Gail Iacobucci know, we already have one and need one more. Hopefully all can attend.

RALEIGH SNACK TABLE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If there is anyone who would like to sign up to help with the coffee/snacks please see Gail Iacobucci. At this point those volunteering are scheduled every 5-6 weeks. If we get more volunteers than it would be every 6-7 weeks.

ANNUAL CHILI SOCIAL

The Kelley's are happy to resume the annual chili social that has been quite popular over the past few years. The event will be held tomorrow at the Kelley's home located at 180 Winding Creek Rd, Mocksville, NC 27028. Arrival time is noon with the meal starting around 1:00pm

You are asked to bring your favorite chili or if you prefer, you may bring various sandwiches, desserts or drinks - or any combination of the same. Whatever you would like.

We ask you to join us in praying for good weather so everyone can have a great time. We hope to have as many kids available as possible for fun and games in the backyard.

In regards to parking - most of you should plan to park in the driveway especially if you arrive early and can stay later. We should be able to fit four or five cars facing the house side-by-side as we have done in past years. There will also be front "pull-in" parking just to the left of my neighbor's house as you approach the house - it's the house on the left. Do not park in the yard! Also, if you must park along the street, make sure there is plenty of room for cars to pass and do not park on the grass at any time. If you would like to volunteer to help assist with parking, please let Mr. Kelley know and plan to arrive no later than 11:45am.

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.

LADIES CLUB IN RALEIGH POSTPONED.

The Ladies Club meeting originally schedule for October 29 has been reschedule for November 19.

WIENER ROAST AT SWARTZ

Get ready to enjoy some cool fall weather!!

There will be a wiener roast at the Swartz's home on Saturday night, Nov. 12. Make your plans to come and sit around the fire and enjoy one another's company.

Arrive before sundown and we will get things going. We'll have lots of hotdogs with all the toppings and maybe even roast some marshmallows and make smores! Please plan to attend if you can! Lots of fun around the fire!

WINTER CAMP

From Larry Solomon, Winter Camp Director:

Winter Camp is right around the corner, and the camper application deadline is just 2½ weeks away, on Nov. 15! The staff application deadline is even sooner, on Nov. 10!

You'll find details about this year's Winter Camp-including an "Apply Now" link-at the page dedicated to Winter Camp at camps.cogwa.org<<http://camps.cogwa.org>>.

Due to the close, indoor environment of Winter Camp, as well as the overlap in activity dates, we do not recommend that campers or staff attempt to attend both Winter Family Weekend and Winter Camp. As we've seen in previous years, illnesses (including COVID) tend to spread more easily in the

winter. If a camper or staff member does go from the Winter Family Weekend to Winter Camp, he or she will need to provide a negative COVID-19 test result.

Finally, please wait to purchase any nonrefundable airline tickets until you are notified to go ahead and do so.

We look forward to seeing you this year at Winter Camp!

SPRING FORMAL DANCE - For your really future planning! J.SKIP THIS NOW

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 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: nc_member

Password: (ask Mr. Kelley for password). Note this is case sensitive.