

Announcements November 12, 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. The theme of the Weekend is going to be: Personally Involved in Preaching the Gospel".

NEW - [Click here for more detail hotel information](#)

NEW - [Click here for the weekend flyer](#)

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.

The Hampton Inn has agreed to extend our deadline for one week, until next Friday November 18th. They will not be able to extend past that date. So if you will need a room for our Chatham weekend, you will need to reserve by next Friday in order to get the discounted rate.

For those who may have missed the details about the discounted rate, we have reserved a block of rooms at the Hampton Inn in Gretna, VA. Our nightly group room rates are: \$109 plus tax for 1 king bed; \$119 plus tax for 2 queen beds. These rates are good for both Friday and Saturday night, Dec. 9th and 10th. These rooms will be held and rates will be honored if you book by November 18th. To make reservations please call the hotel directly at 434-656-9000 and tell them you're with the COGWA Church of God group.

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

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 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 CAMP

From Larry Solomon, Winter Camp Director:

Winter Camp is right around the corner, and the camper application deadline is Nov. 15! If you are interested, please fill out the application as soon as possible.

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.

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!

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!

Once you have registered for the Winter Family Weekend, you should receive a confirmation email that will also contain a link for you to book your accommodations at the Galt House Hotel. The deadline for making hotel reservations is Dec. 16. Please note that the queen suites have two queen beds with a regular sofa in the sitting room, and the king suites have one king bed with a pullout sofa in the sitting room.

There are two additional activities that we would like to make you aware of:

WFW FOI Fundraiser Announcement

This year we are pleased to offer hoodies and tumblers with the WFW 2022 logo as a fundraiser to support Foundation Outreach International (FOI).

FOI sponsors many projects, including English-language skills classes, teen camps in Africa, and the Hilltop Outreach Program. The most significant portion of FOI's budget is a scholarship program currently supporting about 60 students in Africa, helping them gain the essential skills they need. In Africa high school is not provided and parents must find the funds to support their child's education. The average amount per child is \$350-\$500 annually.

All proceeds from the hoodie and tumbler sales will go directly to FOI to support their mission to do a world of good around the world.

If you are interested in supporting this work, the order form can be found on the WFW website. But don't delay—we are only taking orders through Nov. 16!

WFW Art Show Announcement

Calling all artists! It is that time again to consider submitting artwork for this year's Winter Family Weekend Art Show. Last year's show was so successful that we decided to host another show this year! If you are interested in submitting artwork for the show, simply click on the link given here to provide helpful information about your artwork for our curators. [WFW Artwork Submission Form](#)

Thank you for sharing your talents with God's people! If you have any questions, please contact Amy Duncan at amysuzanneduncan@gmail.com.

WFW Special Music Announcement

From Nathan Willoughby, Coordinator, Winter Family Weekend:

We are looking forward to the return of the combined teen and young adult choir, as well as the opportunity for several small group or solo pieces, at this year's Winter Family Weekend.

If you would like to participate in the teen and young adult choir (ages 13+), please check the appropriate box on your WFW registration under volunteer opportunities, and the special music coordinator will reach out to you with additional information in the near future.

If you would like to perform a solo piece or in a small group, or if you have any questions relating to special music, please contact the special music coordinator, Braden Ebersole at braden.ebersole@gmail.com.

WFW Pickleball Announcement

This year at Winter Family Weekend we will once again provide the opportunity for those interested to play pickleball! If you are an experienced player or would like to learn this fun sport, please contact Andy Burnett and let him know of your interest. You can email or text him at andy.burnett@cogwa.org or 501-213-7575.

For more information about the activities being planned and other important Winter Family Weekend information, please visit the WFW website at members.cogwa.org/wfw/.

HICKORY THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

Hickory is planning a "Thanksgiving" themed potluck after Sabbath Service next Sabbath, November 19th. Please bring your favorite side dish, dessert, and beverage.

GREENSBORO THANKSGIVING POTLUCK:

Greensboro is planning a "Thanksgiving" themed potluck after Sabbath Services next week, November 19th. Please bring your favorite side dish, dessert, and beverage.

CHANGE OF SERVICES IN HICKORY

On Sabbath of November 26, Hickory will have services beginning at 3:00pm. We will be watching the webcast live from Greensboro and listening to our Regional Director, Mr. Jim Haeffele.

LADIES CLUB IN RALEIGH

Our next Ladies' Club will be held 15 minutes after services next week, November 19th. The topic will be, "Knowing and practicing right doctrine, why it is important for men and women alike."

WIENER ROAST AT SWARTZ

We are expecting a heat wave in December!

Therefore (because something unexpected has come up) we are going to cancel the wiener roast at the Swartz's scheduled for

next Saturday night, November 12th, and reschedule it for Saturday night, December 3rd.

God can still give us a nice evening together (even if we have to build a little bigger fire).

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!

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.

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: nc_member

Password: (see Mr. Kelley for the password).