

Announcements November 19, 2022

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CHATHAM VIRGINIA SPECIAL WEEKEND RE-PLANNED –

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

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

Remember that Larry Lambert and the Roanoke, VA congregations are once again planning to have a special Weekend Retreat. We will meet at the Pittsylvania County Community Center 115 S Main St, Chatham, VA 24531. The theme of the Weekend is going to be: Personally Involved in Preaching the Gospel".

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 (at 2:30), followed by a pizza or chicken dinner and fellowship. Then after sunset we will have a family dance. Sunday morning we will have novelty Olympics.

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.

We are encouraging as many of you as possible to consider going up for this special event. This is comparable to our Super Social which we have been unable to have for the past couple of years and won't be able to have until possibly 2024. Here is an opportunity to spend a weekend together in fun and fellowship and get to know our church family to the North. I would suggest that if you cannot spend the night, that you at least consider going up for the Sabbath and the evening activities.

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 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 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/.

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.

POTLUCK IN RALEIGH

“Thank you to all those who contributed to the Thanksgiving potluck, it was a wonderful day and a great success. There were several items left behind, they will be at the snack table.

Our next potluck will be December 3rd and we are doing something a little different for this potluck. We would like to honor all of our seniors/grandparents of the congregation. So please bring your favorite foods and celebrate the seniors of our congregation.”

WIENER ROAST AT SWARTZ

We are expecting a heat wave in December! We’ve scheduled a wiener roast for Saturday night, December 3rd. This will be at the home of Jan & Greg Swartz – 506 Shady Grove Church Lane, in Winston-Salem 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. Arrive after sundown and enjoy just eating and great conversation! We will provide condiments and table service and roasting forks, but people should bring what they would like to cook. Then indeed, hopefully we will have lots of hotdogs, and maybe even roast some marshmallows and make smores!!!

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 **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:

Login: nc_member

Password: (see Mr. Kelley).