

## **Announcements November 26, 2022**

### **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

#### **DEATH OF SKIP STEPHENSON**

Most all of us from the Hickory and Greensboro congregation knew Skip and Glenda Stephenson who attended with us for several years. Skip died Wednesday afternoon after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Skip was the brother-in-law and uncle of the Patrick Scarborough family of Hickory.

#### **MARK MCCLOUD**

Mark received the lab reports about the drainage from his leg and they confirmed the presence of two types of bacteria. He asks for your continued prayers that God will speed the healing process so he can continue with his therapy and be able to be discharged soon.

#### **IACOBUCCI ACCIDENT**

Some of you may have heard by now that the Iacobucci family was involved in an accident on their trip up to Youngstown, Ohio. With about one hour left on arriving at their destination, they hit a deer that darted out into the highway. The front of the car was heavily damaged and will probably be totaled. Thankfully, no one was injured except the deer. God's protection was evident throughout and He gets all the glory. A Good Samaritan actually drove them the remaining way to Gail's sister's home in Youngstown. They have rented a car for their anticipated trip home on Sunday.

#### **CHATHAM VIRGINIA SPECIAL WEEKEND RE-PLANNED –**

Remember that Larry Lambert and the Roanoke, VA congregations 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 is coming up soon, and will take place on December 10 and 11. The weekend will consist of youth and young adult seminars and a 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.

#### **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.

Checks for the meal may be sent in advance to Van Hanson: 106 Brook Ridge Place, Forest, VA 24551.

Then after sunset we will have a family dance. There will be line dancing beginning with instructions beginning at 6:30pm. The Family Dance begins at 8:00pm with a country western theme. Costumes are optional.

Sabbath morning Bible Studies:

Preteen Sabbath Class 10:00am in the Gallery Room

Teen/Young Adult Bible Study – 10:00am – in the Art Room

General Bible Study: 11:00am in the Gym

Sunday morning we will have novelty Olympics beginning at 10:00am. These are games for the whole family to enjoy including our senior members.

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](mailto:Amy.Tranquada@gmail.com)

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.

## **WINTER FAMILY WEEKEND IN LOUISVILLE, KY**

We will once again be offering a Sabbath service webcast from the Winter Family Weekend in Louisville, Kentucky, on the Sabbath of Dec. 24, beginning at 2:30 p.m. Eastern. The webcast will be online 15 minutes prior to the start of services. Webcast links will be available on Roku and [cogwa.tv](http://cogwa.tv).

All 3 of our congregations will be participating in the live webcast services from Louisville on that Sabbath.

**SPECIAL NOTE FOR RALEIGH:** The location for services in Raleigh on December 24 will be at the Hampton Inn and Suites by Hilton, Knightdale/Raleigh. The address is 405 Hinton Oaks Blvd. Knightdale, NC. Services will be held in the Oaks Room.

We will also be providing a webcast for the Friday evening Bible study and Sabbath morning seminars. Connection instructions for these will be sent out as the WFW approaches.

## **SQUARE DANCE IN GREENSBORO**

We are tentatively planning a square dance to be held Saturday night, January 14<sup>th</sup> in Greensboro. We'll have the same professional caller that we have been using over the past several years. He provides very detailed instructions so everyone can participate in the square dances.

More information will be coming soon, but please mark your calendars and plan to attend this very special and very fun evening of entertainment and dancing. It's fun for the whole family!

## UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES

We'll have Bible Study after services in Raleigh on December 17, and after services in Hickory and Greensboro on December 31.

## 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 next Sabbath, 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. Something special is being planned for you! So please bring your favorite foods and celebrate the seniors of our congregation next Sabbath.

## WIENER ROAST AT SWARTZ

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.

It will likely be shortly after sundown when most of us arrive. Upon arrival we'll enjoy a fine meal of hotdogs and whatever else you bring to go along with it, and of course, 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!!!

## 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](http://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 DON'T NEED TO READ THIS.**

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