

## Announcements December 3, 2022

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

Remember that Larry Lambert and the Roanoke, VA congregations planning to have a special Weekend Retreat next weekend! 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 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**

For dinner we are going 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 having 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 – UPDATES!

From Nathan Willoughby, coordinator, Winter Family Weekend:

### Registration Deadlines

We are only three weeks away from the start of WFW 2022! If you are planning to come but haven't yet registered, please do so soon! You can register by clicking on the link in your COGWA member portal.

If you have registered but haven't yet made hotel reservations, please do so by the **Dec. 16** reservation deadline. **After Dec. 16, you are not guaranteed the special rate of \$86 (plus tax) per night.**

Also, if you plan to have a basketball or volleyball team this year at WFW, be sure to register your team by Wednesday, **Dec. 7**. All teams *must* be registered by this date. (If you need to make changes to your sports team, please contact [ken.treybig@cogwa.org](mailto:ken.treybig@cogwa.org) for volleyball, or [andy.burnett@cogwa.org](mailto:andy.burnett@cogwa.org) for basketball.)

I'm going to go ahead and read some details about WFW even though most are not attending. We were asked by HQ to read these announcements and include them in our church bulletins.

### WFW Progressive Dinner

Are you planning to attend the Winter Family Weekend? Would you like to join us for a night of great food and fun? Then plan to join us for the WFW Progressive Dinner, where we will enjoy three of Louisville's most enjoyable food destinations. We have a few seats open, so go to your portal and sign up.

- When: Monday, Dec. 26
- Time: 5 to 9 p.m.
- Cost: \$160 per person. This includes transportation on our 40-passenger bus—there's no need to drive!
- Where: We will begin with appetizers at the world-famous Brown Hotel, followed by the main course at locally owned Buck's Restaurant with four delicious entrees and two salads to choose from. Then we will finish the dinner at one of Louisville's most popular restaurant destinations, La Bodeguita de Mima. We will enjoy a delicious dessert, Cuban coffee and great conversation as we finish the evening. All three locations will have a cash bar for cocktails.

Don't delay—sign up today for this memorable event!

### Churchill Downs Tour

The Churchill Downs Tour is now full. No more participants will be able to register for this event.

### **Winter Family Weekend Scavenger Hunt**

Think you have eagle eyes? Find out by getting some friends together and signing up for the second annual Winter Family Weekend scavenger hunt! This year the hunt will run from Saturday night through Monday afternoon. Your team will compete against other teams to find and complete the most scavenger hunt objectives. Prizes will be awarded to the winning teams!

How do you sign up to participate? Put together your team of three to eight people and then email Danielle Duncan ([danielle.rehor@gmail.com](mailto:danielle.rehor@gmail.com)) within the next two weeks. You'll receive a message back with further details. Happy hunting!

### **Family Fun Fair**

PLEASE DONATE! We are in need of items for the Family Fun Fair prize table. Suggested items include kids' books, small puzzles, toy cars, small stuffed animals and small trinkets (finger toys, glow bracelets or necklaces, pencils, erasers, pencil grips, bookmarks, stickers, etc.). Please make sure all donations are clean and in good condition. No need to break the (piggy) bank for these donations; dollar store items are perfect! Please, no toys that make a mess, such as play dough, glitter, slime or Silly Putty. Please drop off your donations at the WFW information center at the Galt House by Sunday evening, Dec. 25. If you would like to donate, please email Gregg and Amanda Pennington at [cogwafamilyfunfair@gmail.com](mailto:cogwafamilyfunfair@gmail.com). Thank you in advance!

### **WFW SABBATH SERVICES**

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). 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

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.

### **SQUARE DANCE IN GREENSBORO**

We are planning a square dance to be held Saturday night, January 14<sup>th</sup> in Greensboro. We'll have the same professional caller, Marty Northrup, that we have been using over the past several years. He provides very detailed instructions so everyone can participate in the square dances. We will also plan to have a country/western theme dinner including hotdogs, hamburgers (?), baked beans, and macaroni/potato salad, coleslaw, etc.

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!

## TEXAS YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

Attention young adults. You are invited to attend a special retreat over the Martin Luther King Jr. weekend—Jan. 13-16. The theme will revolve around prophecy and being prepared for the times ahead.

The retreat will be held at Messiah's Ranch in Bryan, Texas, where we have our Lone Star preteen camp. The cost is \$125 for a three-night stay, which includes food.

Please register soon if you wish to attend. For more information and to register, please see the attached brochure or visit our website: [sites.google.com/view/txyaretreatweekend](https://sites.google.com/view/txyaretreatweekend)

Mr. Kelley has a flyer with additional information if you would like to receive it.

## 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.

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