

## **Announcements December 31, 2022**

### **RALEIGH POTLUCK**

We will be having our first potluck of 2023 on January 7<sup>th</sup>. It will be a Mexican theme, so bring your favorite Mexican food: enchiladas, burritos, tacos, tamales... It will be a wonderful time to eat and socialize with the brethren. "Fiesta!"

Also, it would be really helpful if you could have a place card with your dish so everyone knows what they are eating.

### **MEN'S AND LADIES CLUBS**

The next Men's Club will be held in Hickory and Greensboro after services on Sabbath of January 21, and in Raleigh on January 28. The theme will be on receiving correction as outlined in Hebrews 12.

Ladies Clubs will be held after services in Hickory and Greensboro on Sabbath of January 21. HICKORY Ladies will continue their Fruit of the Fruit of the Spirit Journey. We will cover *Love for, Joy in, Peace from God*. GREENSBORO: The topic will cover whether we are still learning lessons from the Feast or is the zeal we had from the Feast slipping away?

### **SQUARE DANCE IN GREENSBORO**

The square dance originally scheduled for Jan 14<sup>th</sup> has been rescheduled to February 4<sup>th</sup>. 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!

### **VIRGINIA BEACH MLK WEEKEND RETREAT**

**From Larry Lambert:**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Virginia Beach Weekend** Please plan to join us on Martin Luther King Jr. weekend for a wonderful weekend on the beach front at Holiday Inn North Beach in Virginia Beach. The dates are Friday – Sunday, January 13-15, 2023. The guest speaker and wife this year will be Doug and Janel Johnson. The overall weekend theme will be the same as CYC's most recent theme, "Courage Under Fire". Mr. Johnson will be giving the sermon but we also have Bible Studies / Seminars planned as well. We will have a general Bible Study as well as a Teen Bible Study with Mr. Kelley on Friday evening. The room rates are as follows: 2 queen or 1 king regular room -\$109; 2 queen or 1 king suite - \$129. Some have experienced problems making reservations when using the phone number listed on the flyer.

Please use the following new number when making your reservations... 757-419-3672

We are planning a family dance again this year. One of our teens will provide line dancing instructions for 3 line dances during the first hour and afterward we will have a family dance with a western theme. There's also a cake auction.

If you would like to join the group for dinner Saturday night at the hotel, we will need to have a dinner count for our the catered meal by January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please let Mrs. Mary Jordan know soon how many in your family plan to join us for this meal. You can email her at [coltraineclu@gmail.com](mailto:coltraineclu@gmail.com)

We hope you will be able to join us for this exciting family weekend.

## **SURVEY ABOUT SUPER SOCIAL 2024**

All of you should have received an email from me containing a survey for you to complete regarding whether or not we should plan for a Super Social in 2024. The survey is designed to compile the results and give us information quickly about whether or not the members want us to have the Super Social and if you would attend the events and stay at the hotel, for example. Please complete the survey ASAP as we need to begin making plans if the responses are favorable. If you did not receive a survey and would like to complete one, please contact Mr. Kelley.

## **UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES**

We'll have Bible Study after services in Hickory and Greensboro today

## **NTBMO – RALEIGH**

The 2023 NTBMO will fall on Wednesday, April 5th. It has been suggested that we have a group gathering this year. The meat would be provided, so members would be assigned to bring sides, unleavened bread, drinks or desserts.

To make it extra special we plan to have a children's play with the Exodus theme.

The cost of the hall rental could be covered under Tier 2 funds, however, if we do that, we could use some additional Tier 2 donations. Remember these are Tax Deductible donations that can be sent to our local Treasurer, Mrs. Margaret Villaescusa (payable to Cogwa and identified as "Tier 2). If you have not donated to Tier 2 previously, or would like to make another contribution, this would be a good time to do that. Tier 2 funds are used for all our church social activities and also includes the cost of paper goods, plastic ware, and coffee for our snacks.

If you would like to participate in a combined meal for NTBMO, please send Mr. Kelley an email, ASAP, indicating how many children (under 12) and adults would be coming.

If there is sufficient interest, we will look for a hall in the Raleigh/Cary area.

Thanks much!

## **FEAST OF TABERNACLES IN ITALY**

### **Announcement for December 31, 2022:**

We are happy to announce that we are once again planning to host the Feast of Tabernacles in Cortona, Italy, in 2023. While general registration for other COGWA Feast sites will commence in spring, registration for the Feast in Cortona, Italy, will need to take place much earlier.

Cortona registration will be over two days—beginning Sunday, Jan. 15, and running through Monday, Jan. 16. Acceptances will be based on a lottery system, so there is no need to register at a specific time.

More information about the registration process will be coming soon. In the meantime, for more information about the Cortona Feast site, please click on the Cortona link at [feast.cogwa.org](http://feast.cogwa.org).

## **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)