

## **Announcements January 7, 2023**

### **BILL AUSTIN PRAYER REQUEST**

Raleigh member, Bill Austin is scheduled to have exploratory surgery on his lungs to determine if the cancer has spread there. This will take place at Rex hospital on Lake Boone Rd.in Raleigh on January 9th.

The surgery is scheduled for 1055am unless they change things.

Bill requests your prayers for a successful procedure and good results.

Bill Austin

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### **RALEIGH POTLUCK**

Our Mexican potluck is today shortly after services. I hope all of you are planning to stay over and enjoy a delicious meal together.

### **RALEIGH ART AND TALENT SHOW COMING**

On February 11th, following our monthly potluck, Raleigh will be hosting a Talent/Fun Show and Handiwork Display.

The plan is to have about 45 to 60 minutes of musical and other forms of entertainment. Please don't be shy, this is the time to share your talents and have some fun. Skits, dances, musical performance etc., are all welcome.

Mr. Christopher Martin will be coordinating the program so please let him know how you would like to contribute.

His email address is:- [christopher.mar@yahoo.com](mailto:christopher.mar@yahoo.com)

His phone number is:-

(878) 207-5370

For our artists or anyone who likes to make things with their hands, please consider bringing some of your work to contribute to our Arts/Crafts and Handiwork display.

### **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?

### **RALEIGH NEW BABY**

"On January 28<sup>th</sup>, we will be celebrating the birth of Jack Barbagello, the new son of William and Lauren. We'll celebrate with a cake reception after church. Please join the congregation and his parents as we welcome our newest member."

### **SQUARE DANCE IN GREENSBORO**

The square dance in Greensboro will be held the evening of February 4th. 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**

The **23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Virginia Beach Weekend** will be held at Holiday Inn North Beach in Virginia Beach. The dates are this coming weekend, Friday – Sunday, January 13-15, 2023.

If you would like to make a last minute decision and attend after all, please notify Mr. Kelley. You can obtain the information on the Announcements page of our local website. We are past the deadline for being included in the Saturday night catered dinner, but if you would like to go ahead and attend that, please notify the person in charge of this by tomorrow to see if an exception can be made.

The Kelley's and the Burrow's will be among those attending this event next Sabbath.

### **SURVEY ABOUT SUPER SOCIAL 2024**

All of you should have received an email from me last week 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. We have only received a total of 53 responses so far and that includes from our neighboring areas. 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.

### **NTBMO – RALEIGH**

The 2023 NTBMO will fall on Wednesday, April 5th. After conducting our survey, it was determined there are sufficient numbers to justify the cost of renting a hall for the evening. We have almost 60 people who have indicated they would attend.

### **FEAST OF TABERNACLES IN ITALY**

We are planning to host the Feast in Cortona, Italy, again. While general registration for other COGWA Feast sites will commence in spring, registration for the Feast of Tabernacles in Cortona, Italy, will take place much earlier. Cortona registration will begin Sunday, Jan. 15 and run through Monday, Jan. 16.

Acceptances will be based on a lottery system, so there is no need to race to register—as long as you do so within the two-day period. We plan to give priority to those who have not attended the Feast in Cortona before.

More information about the Cortona, Italy Feast site is available on the COGWA Feast website (<https://feast.cogwa.org>).

Registrations will be accepted online only. **IMPORTANT:** Before the registration date, make sure you go into the portal and check that all the information for your family members and dependents is up to date. You will not be able to do this during the registration process.

When it's time to register, go to the COGWA portal (<https://portal.cogwa.org>) and log into your account. Then click the Feast registration button. **Make sure your email address is correct**, as this will be the address all communication will be sent. Then click "Next" to go to the Volunteer and Special Music signup page. Please confirm where you wish to volunteer. Then click the button complete your registration.

All successful registrants will receive a confirmation email right away. If you do not receive that email, you may not have properly completed the registration process. (You might also check your spam folder if you don't see the email right away.)

Remember that you have 48 hours to register, beginning Sunday, Jan. 15 through Monday, Jan 16.

Each household with dependents must register separately. Please do not combine families who would like to attend together.

We plan to notify all registrants whether you are accepted or on the waiting list the next week – by Jan. 27. Those who are accepted will receive additional information about planning to attend in Cortona.

If you are planning to register for Italy and do not have Internet access or need assistance registering, please contact your local Festival adviser, \_\_\_\_\_, after services today.

**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: (check with Mr. Kelley)

Password: 4cogwaNC. Note this is case sensitive.