

Announcements January 14, 2023

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

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 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 28th, 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!

FOI REPRESENTATIVES FOR EACH CONGREGATION

In accordance with a directive from Headquarters Office, representatives have been identified to help coordinate ongoing Foundation Outreach International Projects for each local congregation. Headquarters has committed to having FOI take on a more meaningful role in the Church and has developed a program to facilitate that goal for 2023 and beyond.

The following individuals have volunteered to be the local contact for FOI for this year and beyond as agreeable to them and the Pastor.

Your FOI contacts are:

Raleigh – Veronica and Kathleen Taylor

Greensboro – Karen Dolby and Brandy Brinkley

Hickory – Amanda Shaver and Diane O'Brien

Questions and suggestions about FOI can be directed to them. We thank them for their support of FOI and their work to help fulfill the goals of FOI for this year and into the future.

FOI COIN DRIVE

FOI Coin Drive Announcement

Foundation Outreach International sponsors many projects, including English-language skills classes, Embark, teen camps in Africa, and the Hilltop Outreach program. Its mission is to promote volunteerism, develop the potential of our volunteers as service-minded leaders, and improve communities around the globe through impactful humanitarian and educational programs.

The most significant portion of the budget is a scholarship program currently supporting about 60 students in Africa, helping them gain the essential skills they need. In Africa, school is not always provided, and parents must find the funds to support their child's education. The average amount per child is \$350 to \$500 annually. These educational opportunities can change the life of the children and their family.

The first FOI Project for 2023 will be a nationwide Coin Drive to raise money for this and other FOI ongoing projects.

During the next few weeks, we will be collecting funds. You may bring in your extra change or contribute via the information on the coin containers. A receipt will be issued for any donation contributed by those methods.

Further information about how to participate in the Coin Drive can be obtained from your new local FOI Coordinators.

Thank you in advance for your support!

SURVEY ABOUT SUPER SOCIAL 2024

All of you should have received an email from me two weeks ago 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're going to keep the survey open one more week to give everyone a chance to enter their input. 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 Gainesville Georgia congregations invite you to an adult spring formal during the Days of Unleavened Bread (April 8, 2023). Yes, this is for those 18 and up. When was the last time you dressed up and went out for a night of great food, fellowship, music and dancing? We have the babysitting covered too. It has been years since we have had an adult spring formal even though historically in the Church it was something done with regularity many years ago. The Atlanta and Gainesville congregations will also be celebrating 60 years and 50 years as a congregation in God's Church. The attachment has all the details on the event and how to register. Housing is available at the discounted price until March 7th. With only 30 spots left to fill they will go quickly. We hope you will find a way to join us for this special Sabbath and Saturday night in Gainesville, GA.

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).