

Announcements January 21, 2023

MILDRED DOWELL UPDATE

Mrs. Dowell had been in the hospital for several days, but was released early this week. However, she had to be readmitted to the hospital after 2 days due to urinary retention. She was having a pretty good day on Thursday and was alert and able to carry on some small conversation. Her memory is fading and she finds it difficult to remember who people are. Her daughter, Angela, said she is going to be in the hospital a few more days to stabilize her and then she will be under Hospice Care back at the nursing home residence.

LINDA DUBRY'S MOM (HICKORY)

Here is a prayer request for my mom, June Jepson.

Linda DuBry would like to thank those who have been praying for her mom, June Jepson since her decline in health this past year. Her health has had a rapid decline the past 2 weeks. She is in hospice in home care now. She is very weak, is on oxygen, not eating, and declining fast. Linda would like to ask the brethren to pray that she can keep her mom pain free and comfortable as June finishes her life's journey. Linda also asks for prayers for her and John's strength as they go through this journey with the last of their parents.

Thank you,
Linda DuBry
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Valdese, NC 28690
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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. We would like to encourage both young and old to bring something you have made. Please let Mrs. Felicia Wood know if you plan to bring a large item so she can arrange the best area to display it. Thank you.

RALEIGH SHUT-IN BOOKLET AVAILABLE

We have a booklet on the back table of our shut ins for all three congregations.. Please enjoy looking thru and getting to know who they all are. Feel free to send them a card. We're asking that you do not remove the booklet from the table.

RALEIGH POTLUCK CHANGES

“We’ve decided to start using sternos for potlucks. Carol Volkers and Nancy Seay have volunteered to provide aluminum pans for anyone who would like to use them for the next potluck in February. If you are interested in trying them out, please see them after church. Of course, you can still use crock pots or rice cookers if you choose, this is just another option for anyone who is interested.”

GREENSBORO INFORMATION TABLE

NEEDED: Person to be over the Information Table and Booklets

We are seeking a volunteer to be the Primary Person to be over the Information Table and Booklets.

This person will need to be someone who can be at Church Services nearly every week. You will also need to arrive at church each week at least 30 minutes ahead of time (... 45 minutes ideally), and stay at least 30 minutes after.

The Person over the Information Table and Booklets will have to have a printer at home so that they can print-off the monthly letters from Church President Mr. Franks, the monthly Bulletin, Mr. Kelley’s weekly blog, etc.

It will also be necessary to have a computer and email so that you can place orders with the Church’s Headquarters to replenish our booklet inventory.

You will likely want to recruit 1 or 2 people to serve as your back-up, thereby forming a small team.

If you are interested, please see Lee Dolby after services, or contact him via email or text. (Mr. Kelley can give you that information, if needed)

RALEIGH NEW BABY

“This is just a reminder that we are having a cake reception next Sabbath, January 28 for the William and Lauren Barbagello family to celebrate their new baby, Jack. There will be a basket at the cake table for any who wish to give them a card. Feel free to bring special finger foods and snacks as well.”

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. Whatever you would like to bring, it’s potluck. Don’t forget something to drink.

We will set up for dinner right after services, and hope to begin the square dance at 6:00pm. All the events will be in the adjacent building.

Please plan to attend this very special, fun evening of entertainment and dancing!

SPECIAL NOTE!

TIME CHANGE FOR SERVICES IN GREENSBORO

To allow enough time for the meal and for the square dance to begin at 6:00pm, we are going to start church services 30 minutes earlier on Sabbath of February 4th. Services will begin at 2:30pm

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. During the dates of January 20th, 2023 until February 18th, 2023, 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 who donate via text message, Venmo or PayPal. It doesn't appear that they intended for us to give receipts for the anonymous coin donations. We have printed the PayPal and Venmo codes as well as text information to place on or by the donation jar for those who wish to use it. If you would like a receipt but don't want to use these methods, then you will need to put your money in an envelope with your name and address and the FOI coordinator can mail you a receipt

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!

TIER 2 DONATIONS

It's time to remind everyone again about the need for Tier 2 donations from the members of the congregation. Tier 2 funds are what we use to fund all our social activities including snacks and potlucks. If you have not made a Tier 2 donation in the past year it would be helpful if you could consider making a small donation to this fund. Even a very small donation is helpful. These donations are tax deductible and should be sent to your local church treasurer. You will be sent a receipt in January of the following year for tax purposes.

ANNUAL RECEIPTS LOCAL DONATIONS

The 2022 receipts have been mailed for contributions made to the location Tier #2 fund. If you made a contribution to the local Tier #2 fund during 2022, and do not receive your receipt in the next week, please contact your local Treasurer.

SPRING FORMAL DANCE

We are not going to have any more announcements about the Spring Formal Dance in Atlanta. If you decide you have interest after all, please contact Mr. Kelley for the information.

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.coqwa.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).