

Announcements January 28, 2023

BARBARA SPROUSE PRAYER REQUEST

Barbara Sprouse, of the Hickory congregation, requests your prayers on her behalf for an enlarged womb and pelvic mass that was discovered with a CT Scan on Friday afternoon. Mrs. Sprouse had been having symptoms that she and her doctor originally thought was appendicitis, however, just after being anointed, the doctor called with this new information. They are going to do more testing to determine if the mass is cancerous and if so further treatment options.

Her address is:

5116 Hurricane Hill Road
Granite Falls, NC 28630

Foundation Institute Continuing Education

Foundation Institute, Center for Biblical Education, is pleased to announce the dates of two weeklong Continuing Education seminars to take place in the McKinney, Texas, office this summer. The date of the first session will be July 17 to 21, and the date of the second will be July 24 to 28. Classes will be taught by David Johnson, Ralph Levy and other headquarters ministers. Classes and sign-up procedures will be announced later.

We hope to see you here in north Texas for a wonderful week of Bible education and fellowship.

FI 2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR APPLICATIONS:

From David Johnson:

Foundation Institute is currently receiving applications for the 2023-2024 academic year. While the deadline for applications is May 31, we are already processing 12 applications for next year, which is the most we have ever had at this point. We would like to encourage any other potential students to submit their applications as soon as possible. The sooner we receive the applications, the better. This enables us to work out student housing, order books and supplies, etc.

Applications may be submitted online from the Foundation Institute website at www.foundationinstitute.org.

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL PROM

From Nathan Willoughby, pastor, Louisville & Henderson, KY; Nashville, TN:

The World Awaits!

The COGWA Nashville congregation invites teens and their families to the 2023 Southeast Teen Prom weekend March 17-19! The theme for the prom weekend is "The World Awaits!" and will begin with fellowship at the hotel Friday evening and then services at 1 p.m. on the Sabbath.

All this will be followed up with the teen prom Saturday night, which will include senior tributes, dinner and dancing. Food will be served tapas style from internationally themed stations, so all attendees can try a variety of popular foods from around the world. We'll conclude the weekend with morning fun and a Mexican lunch at a park on Sunday.

Travelers and trip planners will find all needed details at seteenprom.com. Registration and payment are due by March 1. The world awaits ... and so do we, so register today!

EAST TEXAS 70TH ANNIVERSARY

This year, during the Days of Unleavened Bread, the East Texas congregation will celebrate the 70th anniversary of having a modern Church of God congregation in the area! To celebrate this momentous event, we are planning a special event on April 8, 2023—the Sabbath during Unleavened Bread in Longview, TX. If anyone is interested in making the trip to Texas and attending this event, there is full information available from Mr. Kelley.

Following is the complete announcement:

70th Anniversary! UPDATED

This year, during the Days of Unleavened Bread, the East Texas congregation will celebrate the 70th anniversary of having a modern Church of God congregation in the area! To celebrate this momentous event, we are planning a special event on April 8, 2023—the Sabbath during Unleavened Bread—at a beautiful event center on the north side of Longview: The Summit Club, located at 700 Judson Road, Longview, TX 75605.

Services, with split sermons to be given by Ken Giese (former pastor here) and Clyde Kilough (Media operation manager), will begin at 3 p.m. followed by a dinner at 6 p.m. and a dance starting after sundown, 7:45 p.m.

The meal will feature your choice of chicken (\$35 for ages 8 and up) or prime rib (\$45). Children ages 4 to 7 will enjoy a chicken tetrazzini dinner for \$12.50. There is no charge for children under age 4. Meals will include an entrée, a starch, chocolate mousse and water, tea or coffee. We will bring our own unleavened bread. A cash bar will also be available beginning with dinner.

We are planning to have a slideshow of the history in the East Texas area. We invite you to submit your photos by uploading them on the registration website. The dance (with Chantelle West serving as DJ) will be held from 7:45 to 10:30 p.m.

The event center has plenty of room and is very adaptable, but we request that everyone register for any or all of the events, so the facility knows how to arrange things and can be sure to have enough food prepared. The URL to register is <https://www.etx70th.com/>. The deadline for registration and paying for the meal is Sunday, March 26.

We would love to have you join us for this special event!

GREENSBORO HOSTING LADIES TEA PARTY

For all 3 congregations:.

Hi Ladies,

The Greensboro ladies will be hosting a Tea party after services on Sabbath February. 18, 2023. More details to soon follow. If you have any questions please contact Bev McKnight at mrsb343@gmail.com, see you there!

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 Volkens 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 after services today 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.

SQUARE DANCE IN GREENSBORO

The square dance in Greensboro will be held next week, 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!

SILENT CAKE AUCTION

To maximize our efforts to raise money for the scholarship program, we will have a silent cake auction during the square dance social on February 4. This money will be added to the coin drive efforts. At both the Chatham Weekend and the Virginia Beach Weekend, a silent cake auction was held, and it was quite successful in raising money for the FOI Projects.

The idea is for you to bring a cake and bids will be made for your cake. The fancier your cake is, the higher the bids usually go. Just to give you an idea, Tom Burrow's banana cream cake sold for \$120.00 up at Virginia Beach. Most will not go near that high, but it is fun to bid. A sheet of paper for listing your name and your bid is placed in front of each cake. The bidding goes on during the time we are at the Square Dance. It might be a good idea to have some cash with you ahead of time since checks or credit cards can't be accepted.

Please see Karen Dolby krdolby@outlook.com or Brandy Brinkley brink0424@gmail.com if you are interested in donating a cake.

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 COIN DRIVE

FOI Coin Drive Announcement

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.

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.

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)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8628585810#success>

ACCESSING OUR LOCAL MEMBERS WEBSITE DON'T NEED TO READ THIS

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).