

Announcements February 18, 2023

SUPER SOCIAL FEBUARY 2024

Based on the results of the recent survey, we have determined there is sufficient interest locally for us host the Super Social in Greensboro in February, 2024. Our venue will be the same as in the recent years at what is now the Holiday Inn Airport on Burnt Poplar Road in Greensboro. By February of 2024, this will become a Doubletree Hotel. We have scheduled Super Social for the 2nd weekend of February – the 9th – 11th. Our plan is to again have a Friday evening buffet dinner, seminars on Sabbath morning, combined Sabbath Services, a fun-filled Saturday night, seminars on Sunday morning and a combined luncheon at the hotel at noon on Sunday. Menus will be similar to what we have had in the past. We are in the process of securing our special guest speaker for the weekend. We have lots of time to plan for this special event, but please start your own personal planning now. We are hopeful that almost everyone will be able to attend this special weekend!

HICKORY SERVICE PROJECT

You may have noticed that many of the chairs here at Marketplace Church - "Kidz Place" have become soiled, dull in appearance and some are missing leg floor protectors.

As a goodwill gesture to Marketplace Church and as a service to us, we are planning a chair cleaning project. This project will not need a lot of volunteers, just a small number of individuals to help things go smoothly.

This project has been approved and scheduled for Tuesday, February 28th beginning at 11:30am. Cleaning supplies will be provided.

Anyone that is physically able for this challenge and would like to contribute a few hours of your time, please let Martha Roark know.

RALEIGH SERVICE PROJECT

Arrangements have been made for Mark McCloud to take up temporary residence with Bill and Barbara Braswell who live in Pikeville, NC. Through a search of community resources a ramp from the yard up to the front door has been secured at no charge except an affordable donation. We have been able to secure this as a Hilltop Project and should be awarded a \$500 grant for this project to benefit Mr. McCloud. All material is being supplied for free, but we must supply the workers. We are asking if perhaps one or two additional people might be available to work on this project that will take place Tuesday, Feb. 21 beginning as early as you can arrive. (8:00am?). If you could help build this ramp, please see Mr. Bill Braswell or Mr. Tom Burrow today.

GREENSBORO POTLUCK AND GAME NIGHT

Plan to stay over and enjoy our last winter social after services on March 4th. We'll have a potluck meal after services and then set up tables for various games. Maybe we'll even do charades or some other fun group party games! Come with your home games and let's have a great time enjoying some fun games together!

RALEIGH KIDS POTLUCK AND GAME NIGHT

Please plan to stay over and enjoy our last winter social after services on March 11th. The idea is to have a Kid Friendly Potluck meal as we fix all our kids favorite foods (and some of yours too!). Then stay over for a couple hours of playing games with our kids. Our plan is to include all our kids with the adults and we “let our hair down” and play some fun games with our many Raleigh children. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please see Gail Iacobucci. It should be a very fun evening and very special for our kids!

NOTE: Services on this Sabbath in Raleigh will begin at 2:30pm!

FOUNDATION INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES SUMMER 2023 CONTINUING EDUCATION SEMINARS

(Pastors: Please announce the following over the next three Sabbaths beginning Feb 11th.)

From David Johnson and Ralph Levy:

This year Foundation Institute, Center for Biblical Education, is again pleased to announce two summer Continuing Education sessions at the headquarters office in McKinney, Texas.

The two weeklong sessions will be held in the Foundation Institute classroom, with capacity for 36 students in each session.

The dates of the two sessions will be July 17 to 21 and July 24 to 28, 2023. Classes will be taught by Foundation Institute instructors David Johnson and Ralph Levy, as well as other ministers from the headquarters office. Approximately 29 hours of Bible instruction will be taught. Details about class offerings will be announced at a later date. Class offerings will be similar for both sessions, but they may not be identical. Because of space limitations, we will accept students for only one of the two sessions.

The tuition for each session is \$100 per person or \$150 for a married couple. The fee will cover administrative costs and a light lunch each day.

Registration will open at 10 a.m. CST (local Texas time) on Sunday, Feb. 19, 2023, and will remain open until 10 a.m. CST on Monday, Feb. 27. When registration opens, you may sign up by going to the Foundation Institute website (foundationinstitute.org), selecting “Continuing Education,” and clicking on the “Register Now” button.

Please note that this year we will use a different system for accepting participants. All are welcome to apply, but priority will be given to those who have not attended a seminar since 2018. It is our hope to accommodate most or all of those wishing to attend, but this priority system will eliminate the first-come, first-served system, and will prioritize those who have not attended a seminar since 2018.

Those accepted will receive a confirmation email and further details about the program. Information about local housing will also be sent to those accepted for one of the seminars.

We look forward to seeing you here in Texas for our 2023 Continuing Education seminars. As they say here in Texas, y’all come!

FOUNDATION OUTREACH ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

Greetings from McKinney, Texas!

Foundation Outreach International and the Church would like to announce an opportunity for up to four young adults to serve in two different educational projects in late July/early August of 2023 in two of the African countries of Zimbabwe and Zambia. ! We are looking for young adults from the Church of God, a Worldwide Association, who are interested in serving brethren in these developing countries. Each project involves teaching English to our brethren in the rural areas of two of these countries Participants for both projects will be gone a total of about 14 days.

We recommend you visit the FOI website (accessible from the COGWA Members website). If you are **seriously interested** in any of these unique service projects, please pick up copies of both the **fact sheet** (which details requirements, dates and costs) and the **ATTACHED FULL application**. Note: Please submit this FULL APPLICATION (available at the information table or attached to this email). **DO NOT** submit the short, interest application from the website. The deadline for applying is **April 14, 2023**, so get your application in soon!

If you have any questions about this project, feel free to contact Doug Horchak at doug.horchak@cogwa.org.

Thank you all very much!

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.

If you would like more information please see the previous announcements about this posted on our local webpage.

FOI COIN DRIVE

We are continuing to collect coins for FOI scholarship program, which fund about 60 students in Africa to help them gain essentials they may need for school. We will continue collecting coins until February 25th, 2023. We just have one more week for you to donate some loose change. There is a jar on the information table where you can deposit your coins. If you have any questions, please contact your congregations FOI Coordinator

LADIES CLUB IN RALEIGH

Our first Ladies' Club for 2023 will be held next Sabbath, February 25th, shortly after services. The theme, which will fit in well with our Passover preparation is, "Self-Examination and Taking Correction."

All ladies and teenage girls are welcome.

HICKORY POTLUCK

Hickory is planning a potluck after Sabbath service on February 25th . It's a Winter Potluck, so please bring your favorite soup/chili along with some sandwiches, dessert, and drink, etc. Plan to stay and enjoy the delicious foods and fellowship with the brethren. After lunch, the children (and anyone who would like to participate) will sort the coins for our FOI "Scholarship Program" Coin Drive.

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).