

Announcements February 25, 2023

THANKS FOR A SUCCESSFUL LADIES TEA

The Greensboro ladies would like to extend a special thanks to those who helped make the formal tea party successful last Sabbath. It was very enjoyable. Special thanks especially to the young men who did such an outstanding job serving the ladies as they were all dressed up in the formal attire. It was very nice!

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.

GREENSBORO POTLUCK AND GAME NIGHT

Plan to stay over and enjoy our last winter social after services next Sabbath, 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!

We could also use some volunteers. It would be basically to supervise at one of the tables/stations where the activities are happening.

We took an unofficial poll and these are some of the menu requests: fried rice, pasta, lasagna, broccoli, chicken fingers, and candy. Also, we won't be needing a lot desserts that day, some desserts will be a part of the activities for the children."

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

ROCK CLIMBER CERTIFIED TRAINER NEEDED FOR CAMP

Rock Climbing Instructor Certification

Several of our camps have run rock climbing classes in the past, but with the untimely death of Cody Kitts last year we no longer have someone who has been active at camp who is a certified rock climbing instructor.

We have established a Cody Kitts Training Scholarship fund to assist people recommended by our directors in getting various certifications for serving at camp when needed. However, knowing that this certification may be more involved and may take more time, we are wondering if there is someone in our fellowship that already has that certification but has not been active in our camp program.

If you have that certification and would be interested in serving, or if you have an interest in seeking this certification, please contact Ken Treybig by email at ken.treybig@coqwa.org or by phone at 903-714-3684 as soon as possible

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.

FOUNDATION OUTREACH ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

Greetings from McKinney, Texas! (OK to just mention briefly)

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!

FOI COIN DRIVE

We have been collecting coins for FOI scholarship program, which funds about 60 students in Africa to help them gain essentials they may need for school. Today is the last day the coin jars will be available for donations. Thanks to everyone who helped to make this project successful. Our local FOI Coordinators will inform us how much money was raised during this project and we'll provide you a final total from all 3 congregations when that is ready.

RALEIGH – NTBMO

Based on the interest, we have secured the Panther Branch hall in Garner for the NTBMO on Wednesday, April 5th. Before the meal, the children will perform a short skit about Israel leaving Egypt.

We will have a sign up list for the next 2 weeks, until Mar 11th, as we will have to limit capacity to 65. Those in the Raleigh congregation will be given first priority. If there is still space after Mar 11th, we can include other church areas. Many of you have already notified Mr. Kelley of your interest, but that was only to determine if we had enough interest. Now, we need you to sign up.

Beef and lamb dishes will be provided. We will have follow up lists later for secondary dishes like vegetables, salads, and deserts. The Panther branch allows wine and beer so you can bring your own. Beer has to be in cans.

Donations are welcomed for the meat dishes.

The sign up list is on the information table. More details are to follow

NTBMO – EVERYONE ELSE

For those of you not attending the group meal in Raleigh, please be sure you have either been invited or go ahead and invite others to your small group

Hickory and Greensboro are not having a large group gathering, but you are asked to form small private groups on your own. Now is the time to be finalizing those plans. Please be thoughtful to consider our widows and others who may be living alone. We want to be sure everyone is included and has the opportunity to have an enjoyable NTBMO with others.

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).