

Announcements March 4, 2023

DEATH OF HAYNES BAKER

I know we were all saddened this week to hear of the death of Haynes Baker. While it's been expected for a while, it's still sad to say that final goodbye. But we know that Haynes is assured of a resurrection to eternal life and great glory in the soon coming Kingdom of God. For him, it is an instant away, and he will be reunited with his wife and family, and all of us, his beloved church family. The funeral will be on March 15th so that family members can all assemble and be there for the services. All the information about the service is in the obituary that was emailed to all of you. If you need that information, be sure to ask for it.

HICKORY SERVICE PROJECT

Hopefully here in Hickory you've noticed that the chairs seem to be a bit cleaner. That's because they are! We had a very fun and enjoyable work party here last Tuesday as we spent about 2 hours cleaning the chairs. Special thanks to those who came and helped with this service project.

RALEIGH KIDS POTLUCK AND GAME NIGHT

Please plan to stay over and enjoy our last winter social after services next Sabbath, 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

FOI COIN DRIVE

Our Coin Drive was very successful!

The following amounts were raised in each of our congregations:

Raleigh - \$315.55

Hickory - \$360.00

Greensboro - \$915.49

GRAND TOTAL - \$1591.04

Thank you to everyone who participated in this, which was apparently all of you! This was an outstanding contribution and speaks highly of the dedication and generosity of our 3 NC congregations.

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 1 more week, 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.

BE SURE TO WATCH THIS NEW SERIES OF FI CLASSES

Mr. Doug Johnson has begun his series of classes on Church History focusing on the last 200 years. This is an extremely important class for everyone to watch, but especially our younger folks who did not live through the Mr. Armstrong era of the Church. This class brings out how the Church migrated from Europe to the United States and then how Mr. Armstrong came into contact with the Church. The class will then take us step by step from the 1920's up till the current day. Please do not miss taking advantage of this opportunity to enjoy and learn from a class on Church History.

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).