

Announcements March 18, 2023

FAMILIES GLORIFYING GOD WEEKEND IN TWIN CITIES

From Larry Solomon, pastor, Twin Cities & St. Cloud, MN; Eau Claire, WI & Fargo, ND:

We are excited to invite our Church family, young and old alike, to the annual Families Glorifying God Weekend, April 7-9, 2023, in the Twin Cities, Minnesota. Our theme this year is "Be Still and Know That I am God," from Psalm 46:10. Join us for Sabbath services, seminars, food, fun and fellowship! This year we are happy to have guest speaker Mike Hanisko and his wife, Zelda, joining us.

For our family activity on Sunday, please join us at WhirlyBall Bloomington! Experience something new and exciting with WhirlyBall. Jump in a bumper car and take on your friends in a fast-paced game combining basketball, hockey and lacrosse. If that doesn't get your adrenalin pumping, then take your friends over to laser tag or take them on in bowling.

Please **register by March 31!** Go to <https://buytickets.at/cogwatwincities/869182> and enter the access code **FGGW23** to register and to buy tickets for the dinner and activity.

We hope to see you there!

FOI ISRAEL DIG PROJECT

Greetings from McKinney, Texas!

Foundation Outreach International and the Church would like to announce an opportunity for up to 10 people to participate in an educational archaeological dig project in Israel. We are looking for volunteers from the Church of God, a Worldwide Association, who would be interested in experiencing an archaeological dig and visiting Jerusalem and the surrounding areas. The dig portion of the trip will be three weeks in July. Participants will be gone for a total of 23 days.

If you are **seriously interested** in this unique service project, please pick up copies of the **fact sheet** (which details requirements, dates and costs) and the **application**. The application deadline is **March 31, 2023**, so get your application in soon!

FOI will host an information Zoom call on March 20, 2023, at 7 p.m. Central time. (The meeting will also be recorded and made available online.)

If you have any questions about this project or would to attend the information session, contact FOI at support@foundationoutreachintl.org.

Thank you all very much!

CHURCH OF GOD, A WORLDWIDE ASSOCIATION JOB OPENING – VIDEO PRODUCTION

The Media department of the Church of God, a Worldwide Association, has an immediate opening in video production. Information was emailed to everyone earlier this week. If interested, please see Mr. Kelley for additional information.

OPENINGS AVAILABLE FOR FOUNDATION INSTITUTE CONTINUING EDUCATION SESSION 2

Pastors, please announce March 11, 18 and 25.

There are still openings available for Session 2 of the FI Continuing Education Program, which will run from July 24 to 28, 2023. If you are interested in attending, registration will be reopened from March 17 to 27 at foundationinstitute.org/continuing-education.

EAST TEXAS 70TH ANNIVERSARY

We are nearing the deadline to register for the event celebrating the 70th anniversary of the congregation in the Big Sandy area! These events don't come around very often, and you must register by **Sunday, March 26!**

The location is The Summit Club at 700 Judson Road, on the north side of Longview, Texas. Services will start at 3 p.m., dinner will be at 6 p.m., and the dance will run from 7:45 (just after sundown) to 10:30 p.m.

The club is open every day for its members, but we need to know how many to set up for in the event room—for services, the meal and the dance—so it's crucial for everyone to register, whether it's for just services, for services and the meal, for services and the dance, or for whatever your preferences are. **If you plan to attend any part of the event, we need you to register!**

We are soliciting photos—from anywhere we can get them—of the history of the people of God in this area. Please click the link on the website to upload them ASAP, so we can prepare a slideshow to highlight the unique history of God's people in this area of the country.

Here's the link to the website with specifics: <https://www.etx70th.com/>.

PASSOVER AT HOME

If you need to take Passover at home, please be sure you have access to the Church website recorded service, or on ROKU Church Channel. If not, you need to have a video DVD of the service to watch as you take the Passover Symbols. If you need help securing bread or wine, please let us know ASAP.

PASSOVER INFORMATION

Raleigh – Tuesday, April 4th 7:45pm at Church Hall

Greensboro – Tuesday, April 4th 7:45pm at Gate City Vineyard Church 204 S Westgate Dr., Greensboro

Hickory – Tuesday, April 4th, 8:00pm at Comfort Inn; Exit 128; Conover

FIRST DUB:

Raleigh – Thursday, April 6th, 1:30pm at Church Hall

Greensboro – Thursday, April 6th, 1:30pm at Church Hall

Hickory – Thursday, April 6th, 1:30pm at Comfort Inn, Exit 128; Conover

LAST DUB:

Raleigh & Greensboro combined: Wednesday, April 12th, 10:30 & 2:30 at Community Arts Center; 633 Corrigedor Dr. Mebane

Hickory and Asheville combined; Wednesday, April 12th, 10:30 & 2:30 at Hickory Church Hall (Marketplace Church)

PASSOVER PREPARATION MEETINGS:

Hickory – Tom Burrow will have a short meeting after services with those involved in setup for Passover on March 25th.

Raleigh – Mr. Kelley will have a short meeting with those involved with Passover also on March 25th

RALEIGH – NTBMO

We have reached capacity at Panther Branch for the Raleigh Group NTBMO. Please plan to arrive no later than 7:15pm. Before the meal, the children will perform a short skit about Israel leaving Egypt.

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.

“There will also be a dessert table for the Night to Be Observed (April 5th), please bring your favorite unleavened desserts to share.” The sign up list for the NTBO meal is at the info table today, so anyone who wants to sign up for the food or desserts should do so after services today.

COOKIE SWAP ON FIRST DUB IN RALEIGH:

“We are planning a unleavened cookie swap on the first day of Unleavened Bread, April 6th. We will also be packing boxes of cookies for our shut ins. Please bring you favorite unleavened treats for our shut ins, as well as to share with one another. We know it is a busy time right before the Holy Days, so you could bake now and freeze them until the first Holy Day. To go containers will be provided for you to take them home. If you have any questions, please see Gail Iacobucci.”

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

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. Kelly).