

Announcements March 25, 2023

BAPTISM OF NAJE' WILLIS

We are very happy to announce the baptism of Raleigh member, Naje' Willis, who was baptized last Sunday evening at the Church hall in Raleigh. Please join me in welcoming her to the Church Family as a new sister in Christ.

PRAYER REQUEST – PATRICIA GRAYBEAL

Patricia Graybeal of the Hickory congregation is asking us to pray for her. She has not been feeling well in the past few days. She has an appointment with her Doctor on April 3rd. He told her that he suspects something is going on with her ongoing issue of dealing with sarcoidosis.

ALI HARPER

Continued prayers are requested for Ali Harper of the Charleston, WV congregation. Ali is the sister of Nancy Kelley and the mother of Raleigh member, Zach Harper. She is experiencing continued extreme lethargy along with periods of confusion and disorientation, and her vision is being adversely affected. She had been told earlier she had a blood clot in her lung. Her husband, Craig took her back to the hospital Friday night and we are awaiting further updates.

BILL AUSTIN PRAYER REQUEST UPDATE

Mr. Austin wrote yesterday: I would like to again ask for prayer because I have quite an intense pain in my neck, at the base of my skull. It's been going on for about a week. Losing a lot of sleep. Had an x-ray, am taking pain meds. Nothing seems to help. Thank you for your prayers

MILDRED DOWELL PIZZA PARTY

This past week 5 of our members have visited with Mrs. Dowell, who is one of our shut-in members. She was found to be alert and doing very well considering how sick she was a few months ago. During one of the visits, she was asked if she liked pizza and she said yes! She also wants to see more of the brethren. So – we are now planning to have a pizza party with Mildred Dowell. The date has been set for Sunday, April 23rd. It will probably be held at 12 noon, but that is yet to be confirmed. Please reserve that date and if possible join us at her facility in Clemmons, NC for a 3 church-wide pizza party for Mrs. Dowell. The address is Clemmons Village 2 ALF; 6441 Holder Road, Clemmons, NC 27012.

NEW LOCAL FOI PROJECT

We are implementing a new FOI Project over the new 3 weeks. It involves collecting any unneeded reading glasses you may have that you would like to donate. The following is information from Gabriella Kroska of Asheville Congregation. "As part of my Doctor of Physical Therapy program, I will be assisting with a PT clinic in Taulabe, Honduras in May. In Honduras, reading glasses are not readily available. One must go to an eye doctor and receive a prescription for reading glasses. The cost associated with this is the same as for other types of glasses, and so many who need reading glasses are not able to access them. Reading glasses can make a significant difference for patients both for their physical therapy plan of care as well as for their day to day lives. The student group that took reading glasses to the clinic last year noted that they ran out in the first 2 days, so the need in this small community is significant. We are asking for donations of reading glasses that are either new or used but in good condition. The reading glasses collected would then be donated to the program for students participating in the PT clinic in Honduras to take and provide to the patients.

A container labeled glasses, will be placed on the information table for any donations. There will be four days in which we will take donations March 25th, April 1st, April 6th the first day of Unleavened

Bread, and April 12th the Last DUB . If there are any questions, please contact your local FOI Coordinator.

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.

JERUSALEM DIG INFORMATION

The deadline to apply for the Israel Dig project is March 31, 2023—just a week away! FOI is excited to host this new educational service project. The fact sheet provided includes many of the details, but here is a link to the information meeting that was held this week:

[Dig Project Informational Meeting.mp4](#) If you have any questions about this project, contact FOI at support@foundationoutreachintl.org. Please complete the application and return it by March 31.

Thank you all very much!

HOLY DAY OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please remember to secure your Holy Day Offering Envelopes where you will be sure to have them with you on the Holy Day. Also, if you are writing a check, don't forget to bring the check along too! If you have not received any Holy Day Offering Envelopes, this would be a good time to call HQ and ask why you did not receive them. All of you should be on the HQ mailing list for envelopes. If you need to call HQ, the number is 972-521-7777.

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 TODAY.

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)

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.

Location: Panther Branch Community Center, 10900 Ten-Ten Rd, Garner, NC 27529.

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.”

FEAST OF TABERNACLES UPDATES

Don't forget, the 2023 Festival Housing Brochure will be available this Monday, March 27th. Also, Festival Registration for those going to their assigned site starts April 9th.

YOUR 2023 FESTIVAL ADVISORS

Raleigh – Wesley Wood

Greensboro – Roger Robertson

Hickory – Mike Dial

If you have any questions or problems with any Festival issue including housing or transportation, please don't hesitate to contact your local Festival advisor.

NANCY'S KNEE SURGERY

Mr. & Mrs. Kelley appreciate your prayers for a successful surgery coming up Monday morning at the Clemmons Medical Center in Clemmons. She'll spend the night in the hospital and then begin her physical therapy on Friday, the 31st.

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.**

NOW PLAY THE CAMP VIDEO

This video is only about 5 minutes long and we were asked to play it for you either this week or next. We opted for this Sabbath.

The annual video is always deeply appreciated by the youth of the Church, as well as by many of the adults who value our efforts to engage and encourage our youth in God's way of life. By the time you share the video, the camp application system will be live for this year.

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: (See Mr. Kelley).