

Announcements April 1, 2023

ROMA AND LOMA MILLER UPDATE

Loma wrote yesterday to say she had a mammogram Friday. They found lots more calcifications that have shown up from the last one in July so another biopsy is scheduled for April 20. There is a 20-25% chance it is cancer. She requests prayers that this isn't cancer. It would be much appreciated.

She wrote: As far as the other cancer goes I started my last planned round of chemo this past Tuesday. I will have another on each of the next 2 Tuesdays and will be done HOPEFULLY FOREVER on April 11.

Roma and I appreciate all your prayers and we love each of you. We have unlimited talk and text and we'd love to hear from you.

Actually, Loma wrote last night that she is a bit disappointed that she hasn't heard from her Church family very much and really wants to hear from you as you have time to send them a text or call. So maybe we could all make it a point to let them know we haven't forgotten them and are thinking of them.

MILDRED DOWELL PIZZA PARTY

Recently, 5 of our members 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.

Bev McKnight has volunteered to coordinate this event. If you plan to attend, please notify her ASAP. We'll need to plan for the amount of pizza and drinks to order as well as providing tables and seating in the patio area. Text 336-207-5608 or email mrsb1943@icloud.com

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 3 more days in which we will take donations; today, 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.

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!.

PASSOVER AT HOME

If you need to take Passover at home, please be sure you have access to the Church website recorded service. The Passover service will be available for members to view at <https://members.cogwa.org/passover/> and will be posted on ROKU. 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

NOTES FOR PASSOVER:

Remember:

- to bring your Bible and a towel. In Raleigh you also need to bring a basin
- the floor there will be a hard surface, so if you think you might need it, bring something to kneel on
- If you are not someone who is setting-up for the Service, please wait until 7:35 before entering the building in Hickory; 7:25 in Greensboro and Raleigh (Thank You!)

FOR THOSE TAKING THE PASSOVER AT HOME

If any of you end up taking the Passover at home, or you miss the Passover for some unexpected circumstance and need to take the 2nd Passover, I need to have this information on Wednesday morning after the Passover. I must submit a report to HQ about how many took the Passover at a service, how many took the Passover at home, and how many need to take the 2nd Passover. This is very important that you notify me what happened if you did not participate in person.

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

HICKORY - HYMNALS FOR FDUB:

Please bring your personal hymnal on the First Day of Unleavened Bread. Local church hymnals will not be made available. There will not be a projector to display the songs for viewing.

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

Raleigh will be meeting at the Panther Branch for NTBMO. Attending this location was by reservation only, so if you did not register for this location, you should check with Mr. Villaescusa or make other arrangements.

The address is: 10900 Ten-Ten Rd. Garner. 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.

“For the NTBO, we would like all of the food to be in aluminum pans to use with the sternos. Since we are not familiar with the hall that we are using, we don’t know if there are many outlets for crock pots. You can pick up your aluminum pans at the counter downstairs today.

If you have any questions, please see Carol Volkens, Nancy Seay, or Gail Iacobucci”

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

Festival Registration Announcement

(To be read the Sabbaths of April 1 and April 8)

As we did last year, we are asking those who plan to attend their assigned site to register first. Registration for those planning to attend their assigned site will begin on **Sunday, April 9**. This is only for those who plan to attend their assigned site. Members should access the COGWA member portal (portal.cogwa.org), where they will see their assigned site listed.

Please note: It is imperative that you register prior to April 23, when those wishing to transfer will begin their registration process. If you need any assistance prior to April 9, please send an email to registration@cogwa.org. If you need assistance with your registration, please contact your Festival adviser,].

Also, we have another international site (the Bahamas in the Caribbean) that members should register for early (in this case, on April 9). So, please make the following announcement this coming Sabbath (April 1), as well as the Sabbath of April 8.

Early Registration for Paradise Island, Bahamas:

(To be read the Sabbaths of April 1 and April 8)

We are planning to host the Feast this year in Paradise Island, Bahamas, at the world-renowned Atlantis Resort. Since many have expressed interest in attending this site, early registration will begin

April 9—the same day that members will be registering for their **assigned** Feast site. It is important that those desiring to attend the Feast in the Bahamas this year register the week of April 9, as we will need to know the names and numbers of those attending the Bahamian site before April 23.

To register for the Bahamas, select “Transfer,” and “Bahamas” will appear. Those accepted will receive a confirmation email within a week or so of registration. Due to the limited seating capacity of the meeting room, we will be limited in the number who can attend. Those accepted will be able to make hotel reservations beginning April 23. Check the Feast website (feast.cogwa.org) for further information.

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.

Announcement: April 1 and 8, 2023

Holy Day Offering Envelopes

The Church of God, a Worldwide Association, Inc. has printed a supply of holy day offering envelopes for use during the spring holy days. The envelopes were mailed along with our latest booklet, *The Sermon on the Mount*. Using these envelopes for your holy day offerings makes processing much easier.

If older children turn in an offering separate from their parents, they are welcome to have their own envelopes. We are legally required to issue a receipt to the person whose name appears on the envelope. If parents want a child's offering added to their record, the parent's name must be on the envelope. If you do not want a receipt, please write “No Receipt” on the envelope.

Please clearly print your complete name and mailing address as they should appear on your contribution receipt. Please also include your donor envelope number, which was printed on your annual receipt. If the envelopes you are using do not include a space for the donor envelope number, please write your donor envelope number beneath the date in the upper left-hand corner of the envelopes (see image below). This information should be filled in on the *printed* side of the envelope. This will enable us to include the holy day offering in your contribution receipt.

Location: _____

Date: _____

Do Not Mail

COGWA Donor Envelope #: _____

(If available, please write in your assigned Envelope #.)

HOLY DAY OFFERING

Please check if new or corrected address

Name	_____
Street Address	_____
City, State, ZIP Code	_____

Amount

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Most local church areas will be processing the holy day offerings locally, so please make sure checks or money orders are made payable to: _____

If you choose to include other funds besides your offering for this holy day (tithes, an offering for another holy day, etc.), please note that these additional funds will be treated as part of your offering for the specific holy day on which they were received. If you would prefer these additional funds be accounted as tithes or other offerings, then please send them separately.

Please remember that the seven annual holy day offerings are in addition to your regular tithes and offerings. Thank you for your generosity and your understanding.

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: (See Mr. Kelley).