

Announcements April 8, 2023

BARBARA SPROUSE SURGERY

Barbara Sprouse of the Hickory congregation requests your prayers about her upcoming surgery that will take place at Wake Forest Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem on Tuesday, April 11th. Mrs. Sprouse will have a complete hysterectomy to hopefully remove all the cancer that was detected.

5116 Hurricane Hill Road
Granite Falls, NC 28630

MILDRED DOWELL PIZZA PARTY

Remember we are planning to have a pizza party with Mildred Dowell. The date has been set for Sunday, April 23rd. It will probably be held 11:30am. 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 mrsb343@gmail.com

HENDERSON ANNOUNCEMENT

"Aaron and Mary Henderson - recently moved here from the Buffalo, NY area - would like to invite the North Carolina brethren to an open house barbeque and bonfire at their home in Forest City on Sunday afternoon, April 30th 2023.

Party starts at 230pm, meal will be served at 4pm. Burgers and hot dogs provided, please bring a side, dessert or drink to share outdoor potluck-style. Stay and visit around the bonfire into the evening.

Theme is "Your Worst Hawaiian shirt". Aaron is prepared. Seating is limited, so please bring camp chairs if you have them. The Henderson's are excited to host everyone for an afternoon and evening of fun, food and fellowship.

1737 Whitesides Rd, Forest City NC 28043

If anyone would like to spend the night on Sunday the 30th, we have plenty room for tent camping, and a few other accommodations as well. Just get in touch with us for details.

Please RSVP to Mary Henderson (if you will be attending, only) at (513)503-7479 by Wednesday, April 26th."

NEW LOCAL FOI PROJECT

We are implementing a new FOI Project from today to the Last DUB. So we only have one more opportunity after today. This involves collecting any unneeded reading glasses you may have that you would like to donate. 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. 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!

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)

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.

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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.

Date: _____

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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Do Not Mail

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: (see Mr. Kelley)