

## Announcements April 22, 2023

### **MENS AND LADIES CLUB**

We will have our next Men's Club in Raleigh after services today and in Hickory and Greensboro on Sabbath of April 29. The topic will be: "What Does Being a Firstfruit Mean to Me Personally"? Please be prepared to give a one or two minute presentation answering this question.

The Ladies Clubs will be meeting after services on April 29<sup>th</sup> in Hickory and Greensboro. Greensboro will also discuss the meaning of being a Firstfruit. Hickory will be covering the Fruit of the Spirit.

### **PLANNING FOR MOTHER'S DAY**

#### **Sabbath of May 13**

**Greensboro** - Ladies, it is time for the Annual Wish List for Mother's Day!

Please sign the wish list with your favorite foods....fried chicken, apple pie, etc. Remember the guys can't give us our wishes unless they know what they are!

**Raleigh** – is planning a special potluck

**Hickory** - is planning to have special snacks especially for our ladies!

### **SUMMER PICNIC PLANNED**

Please remember to set aside Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> for an all day picnic on beautiful Jordan Lake. We have room for up to 100 people and hope to have many of you join us for a fun day of activities on the lake. There are grills. Also a grassy area nearby for volleyball, games, etc. In a few weeks we will be planning and organizing the event. Details to follow.

### **APPLYING FOR CAMP**

Remember that the Church Portal is now accepting and processing applications for Pre-Teen and Teen Camps this year as well as volunteers for Staff. The Camp experience is designed with your children in mind to give them the best possible opportunity to learn of God, to create new and lasting friendships with kids their own age and values, and to simply have the time of their lives! I cannot stress enough the incredible advantage that participating in these Church Camps will give to your child. Please make this available for your child if at all possible. Don't forget – camp scholarships are available to any who might not be able to afford the costs associated with attending Camp. But, now is the time to apply!

### **CAMP PAYMENT CHANGE**

We are pleased to notify everyone who is applying for camp this year—either as a camper or as a staff member—that we have modified the method for paying fees. Early this week we implemented a change where any fee you owe for a camp application will be shown in your COGWA Portal account.

Simply log into your Portal account, click on Manage Registration and select the family member whose application you want to check by clicking the "Go" button to the right of his or her name. That will open his or her application(s), and a balance due will show under each application. You can either mail a check for that amount to the director of that camp or click the green "Pay" button to pay with a credit card on Stripe. If you choose to pay online, the system will take you to a secure payment page, allow you to make a payment and will automatically update your balance due.

Contact the appropriate camp director if you encounter any issues or have any questions.

## **OCOEE WHITE WATER RAFTING JULY 30<sup>TH</sup>**

### **From Mark Winner**

Ready for adventure and adrenaline? The Atlanta and Gainesville congregations are hosting a white-water rafting trip on July 30<sup>th</sup>. We will be rafting the Ocoee River through a beautiful gorge in the Tennessee National Forest. This river is famous for waves and beautiful scenery. Several trips from full to half day are offered. We will be doing a half day trip with a cost of approximately \$50/person. No experience is necessary and is open to everyone age 12 and up. We would like to gauge interest level before planning further details. We have a quick questionnaire to find out who is interested in rafting. There is also the possibility of camping Friday – Sunday with a bible study on Saturday before the Sunday rafting. No commitment yet, but if you might be interested, please follow this link and answer a couple of quick questions! Complete details will be shared around June 2nd. Hope to see you on the river on July 30<sup>th</sup>.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfdBX7C4Lio3oQtZtAhw8LIBC0D\\_FBdZMza55NnXCyIII8gyg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfdBX7C4Lio3oQtZtAhw8LIBC0D_FBdZMza55NnXCyIII8gyg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0)

## **FESTIVAL REGISTRATION ASSIGNED SITE**

Don't forget Festival Registration is underway for all those planning to attend their assigned site – which for us is Greensville. Registration must be completed no later than Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you have any questions.....

### **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.

### **UPDATE:**

**Please read this coming Sabbath, April 22:**

On the Sunday of April 9, we opened registration for all U.S. members going to their assigned site.

However, beginning tomorrow (Sunday, April 23) at 10 a.m. Eastern time, members who **desire to transfer** to a site other than their assigned site will be able to register. Go to the COGWA portal at [portal.cogwa.org/login](http://portal.cogwa.org/login) or click on the registration button on [feast.cogwa.org/](http://feast.cogwa.org/).

**Reminder:** Any members who have yet to register for their assigned site, please do so tonight!

### **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](#) or

<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.