

Announcements April 29, 2023

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 – "Raleigh will be celebrating Mother's Day on May 13th with a potluck . We will be following the Greensboro congregation's lead and asking the men of the congregation to do the cooking.

There will NOT be a sign up list, so ladies be sure and share your requests with the men in the congregation. Aluminum pans will be available for those who wish to use the sternos. Plan to come and spend a lovely afternoon of food and fellowship."

Hickory - Ladies of all ages are asked to join us for a Mother's Day tea, with delightful treats on the Sabbath of May 13th. The ladies will be served by a few of our young gentlemen. Men you will be able to enjoy snacks and fellowship together as the ladies enjoy their special day

SUMMER PICNIC PLANNED

Please remember to set aside Sunday, June 4th 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. Recently, 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.

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The deadline for submitting applications for the 2023-2024 academic year of Foundation Institute is rapidly approaching. After May 31, we can still accept applications but we may not be able to locate housing for any late applicants. This year we have adjusted our entry requirements so that those who have recently graduated from high school may apply. Those interested in applying can do so by going to the Foundation Institute website and selecting "Apply Now." This will bring up a page listing the entry requirements and give you the option of applying online or downloading an application.

Time is running short, and the sooner we receive your application, the sooner we will all be able to make the appropriate plans.

TRIP TO KENYA

Greetings from McKinney, Texas!

Foundation Outreach International and the Church would like to announce an opportunity for up to four young adults to serve at a teen camp in mid-August in the beautiful country of Kenya! We are looking for young adults from the Church of God, a Worldwide Association, interested in serving brethren in a camp setting.

Participants will be gone for a total of about 14 days.

We recommend you visit the FOI website (accessible from the COGWA Members website). If you are **seriously interested** in this unique service project, please see Mr. Kelley to receive the **fact sheet** (which details requirements, dates and costs) and the **ATTACHED FULL application**.

Note: Please submit this FULL APPLICATION that you would receive from Mr. Kelley. DO NOT submit the short interest application from the website. The application deadline is **May 22, 2023**, so **get your application in soon!**

If you have any questions about this project, don't hesitate to contact Tim Waddle at tim.waddle@cogwa.org.

Thank you all very much!

PENTECOST LOCATIONS

Raleigh – Services will be held at The Doubletree Raleigh Midtown Hotel located at 2805 Highwoods Blvd. Raleigh, NC. This is in Northeast Raleigh on 440 at the Capital Blvd exit. For lunch in Raleigh, you may bring prepared food items inside if you like, or there are area restaurants. Doubletree has a restaurant area that will accommodate approximately 60 people for those who wish to bring lunch between services at Pentecost. There are no outlets or microwaves available, and we must clean up after ourselves. Plan for a picnic style lunch there, but remember, you can only eat in the restaurant space. The restaurant area will be closed to the public.

Greensboro/Hickory will be combining for services at the Village Inn Event Center located at 6205 Ramada Dr, Clemmons, NC, 27012. This is just off Interstate 40 Exit 184 and located directly behind the Super 8 motel. Lunch is on your own.

Services in both locations will be at 10:30 and 2:30.

As a reminder...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.

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:

Login: (see Mr. Kelley).