

Announcements May 13, 2023

SECURITY ISSUES CONTINUED....

As a result of a recent post about violence in Church and the recent incident at the Marketplace Church in Hickory, we have taken measures to increase security at all 3 of our locations. There is no need to be alarmed or concerned. These steps were implemented out of an abundance of caution and to insure the safety of all our members.

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. The picnic will be at Jordan Lake, Seaforth Recreation Area, shelter #9. Contact Mr. Villaescusa at SVillaescusa@gmail.com. If you are going and have not yet notified Mr. Villaescusa, please do so this evening.

NOTE: Please be aware of car fees to enter the Jordan Lake Picnic area.
\$7/ car, \$5/ car if senior (62 and up).or veteran.

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!

NOT RAIN – JUST A SPRINKLE

“On June 3rd we will be having a special celebration. We will be having a sprinkle to celebrate the upcoming birth of the Johnson's baby. Please plan to stay after church for snacks and cake to celebrate this special occasion with Wesley, Kellie, and Sterling.” Any questions, please see Gail Iacobucci.

GRADUATION BIOS NEEDED

Pastors, please announce the following for the next two Sabbaths. Also note that bios should be sent to david.hicks@cogwa.org.

High school graduates

Attention class of 2023! We would like to feature all of our high school graduates in the July/August One Accord. Please provide the following information—separated into the listed categories—for your bio (no more than 200 words), plus a quality, high-resolution photo by June 1.

- Graduate's name.
- Parents' or guardians' names.
- Congregation and pastor's name.
- High school accomplishments.
- Church activities/hobbies/interests.
- Plans after graduation.

Also include a phone number and email address we may use to contact you if need be. Please give your bio and photo (conforming to biblical standards of dress and hair length) to your congregation's reporter or pastor by June 1. Please keep all bios within a 200-word limit.

College graduates

We'd also like to honor you! Please provide a bio—200-word maximum—plus a quality, high-resolution photo by June 1.

READING GLASSES PROJECT RESULTS:

Thank you for your support for the Reading Glasses FOI project! Overall 340 pair of glasses were donated by members from the involved congregations! 306 will be going to Honduras. The others were prescription glasses that also got donated, and they will be sent to Mr. Meeker, and he will be able to distribute them to brethren as needed.

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: (ask Mr. Kelley).