

Announcements June 10, 2023

MARK MCCLOUD PRAYER REQUEST

Mark is back in the hospital with a build up of fluid around his heart and lungs that is causing low oxygen saturation and excessive CO2.

FROM THE HOLLADAY FAMILY.

Jeremy Holladay wishes to thank the many that sent prayers and support throughout the very difficult time and all the condolences following the death of their daughter, Elysia. Mr. Harry Holladay also sends along his thanks to those who sent cards to him as well.

LOIS RICE MEMORIAL SERVICE JUNE 17

The family of Lois Rice has requested that we conduct a Memorial Service for former Greensboro member, Lois Rice after services at 5:00pm on Sabbath of June 17th. It will be held in the main auditorium. We will have a short 15 minute break after services and begin the Memorial Service at 5:00pm.

FATHER'S DAY

Greensboro: Due to the above announcement, we are postponing our Father's Day celebration in Greensboro until June 24th. Check in with Ms Bev McKnight to see what our Fathers are requesting.

Hickory: Plan to stay over on June the 17th in celebration of all our men and young lads with a Father's Day, indoor picnic. Please bring your favor picnic foods, (barbeque chicken, wings, meatballs, potato salad, deviled eggs etc.) Don't forget picnic sweet treats and favor drinks! You're sure to have fantastic time of fellowship and delicious foods to enjoy!

NEW FOI PROJECT COMING

We will soon be starting a project to collect toiletries and such essentials for women in a battered women's shelter. Details coming soon.

FAREWELL TO THE HARPER'S

"Next Sabbath, June 17th we would like to have a cake reception to say farewell to Zack and Chelsea Harper. They will be leaving us and starting another chapter in their lives in the great state of Texas. Please mark your calendars to celebrate this milestone and have a Texas farewell."

RALEIGH LADIES CLUB

Our next Ladies' Club will be held shortly after services on July 1st. The topic will be 'Forgiveness.' We plan to break into small groups to discuss this important subject.

FOOD ALLERGY SNACK UPDATE – RALEIGH

"It has come to our attention that there is a severe allergy to cashews and pistachios in our congregation. The decision has been made to ask the congregation to not bring any food containing either cashews or pistachios in the future. Your cooperation is appreciated."

INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The next ILP Session will be held in Guatemala this weekend – June 9 – 12.

CAMPS SET TO START

The Camp sessions are ready to begin with the first Camp starting tomorrow, June 11. This will be Pre-Teen Camp Lonestar in Texas.

Don't forget Pre-Teen Camp Agape starts June 25 and Teen Camp Agape starts July 16. There is a lot of last minute planning and preparation that goes into these camps so please pray for a successful camp season for our kids.

GREENVILLE FEAST UPDATES

Additional housing for Greenville

The Embassy Suites is full and can no longer accept reservations for the Feast this year. You are welcome to go online to find additional housing on your own, or you can find housing available at the nearby Crowne Plaza Hotel for the same price of \$110 plus taxes per night, which includes breakfast for two people per room. You will need to book using the special link below:

[**COGWA 2023 Book Your Room at Crowne Plaza Greenville**](#)

Group Code: COG

Official Event Dates: Friday, Sept. 29-Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023

Guest Room: Deluxe King or Deluxe Double (two full size beds)

Group Room Rate: \$110 per room per night, plus taxes

Cancellation Policy: 48 hours prior to check-in date

FESTIVAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Please announce as needed, beginning on June 10, 2023:

Each year many faithful brethren donate extra funds from their Festival tithe so that other needy members can receive the financial assistance they need to attend the Feast of Tabernacles. Last year these generous contributions enabled nearly 135 people to attend the Feast who would have been unable to attend otherwise. The Church recognizes its responsibility to see that those contributions are distributed fairly and equitably.

If you have faithfully saved your Festival tithe and will still not have sufficient funds to attend the Feast this year, we will be happy to help where we can. If you think you will need additional funds to be able to attend the Feast this fall, please contact our local Festival adviser, _____, or your pastor to get a Festival Assistance Member Information form. Complete the form and return it to your pastor or Festival adviser as soon as possible. (All information on the form will be treated as confidential.)

Ministerial Services has asked us to have all assistance applications turned in by July 10, so please pick up the form and return it to your congregation's Festival adviser or your pastor as quickly as possible.

Again, Festival financial assistance is available for those who do not have adequate funds to attend the Feast even though they have faithfully saved their Festival tithe.

EXCESS FESTIVAL TITHE

Through the years, many of us have seen and experienced a variety of ways in which God has fulfilled His promises to bless those who faithfully tithe. While some members have limited income, the generosity of their spiritual brothers and sisters has enabled hundreds to share in the blessings of the Feast of Tabernacles each year. On their behalf, we wish to extend a warm thank you! to those who have shared their abundance.

We are once again approaching the time when we will need to provide financial assistance to those brethren who would be unable to attend the Feast without help. Government regulations permit charitable organizations to provide a modest amount of financial aid to those in need so they can share in this kind of religious activity. Therefore, we have established policies and procedures that allow the Church to legally, fairly and equitably provide this special benefit to members who qualify.

It would be helpful if those who wish to contribute excess Festival tithe to help their brethren attend the Feast can begin to send in those funds. You may include any contributions with your regular tithes and offerings if you wish—just be sure to indicate how much you wish to designate for this special purpose.

Thank you in advance on behalf of the many who will be able to enjoy the Feast of Tabernacles this year as a result of your generosity in sharing the blessings God has given you.

TITHE OF THE TITHE

Years ago, the Church of God established a custom of asking members to voluntarily contribute a tenth of their Festival tithe—referred to as a “tithe of the tithe”—to the Church to cover the many expenses incurred in providing so much of what we enjoy at the Feast. These expenses include hall rent, office supplies, audio and video equipment, decorations, activities, etc. Since all of us benefit from these items, it seems appropriate that we all contribute a portion of the Festival tithe we have saved to meet those expenses. If you are unable to contribute a full tenth of your Festival tithe but would still like to help, all such contributions are appreciated.

If you send a contribution to help meet these Feast expenses, please label it “tithe of the tithe,” so we will know your intent. You may include those funds with regular tithes and offerings if you wish—just clearly indicate how much you wish to designate for this purpose.

Again, we thank you for your generosity in helping to make the Feast special for all of us.

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. Keeley).