

Announcements July 15, 2023

RESPONSE FROM OUR RECENT FOI PROJECT RECEIVED

From Veronica and Kathleen Taylor's message:

We wanted to let you know that we delivered the FOI donations from Raleigh and Hickory to InterAct on Thursday. Allison K. Atkinson, the Volunteer and Donor Engagement Coordinator for InterAct, was there to help unload the items, and we wanted to pass along this message from her:

"InterAct is so grateful for the items we received yesterday that Veronica and Kathleen Taylor dropped off. Thank you so much for your interest in our needs and our mission: dedicated to ending the cycle of domestic and sexual violence in Wake County. InterAct saves lives, rebuilds lives, and secures safer futures for victims and survivors and their families. InterAct serves everyone in need of these services and there is never a charge.

Special thanks to the Raleigh and Hickory NC congregations of Church of God, AWA who contributed the items you brought today, and to the pastor of these congregations, Mr. Ron Kelley, for supporting this effort. The wonderful items your church collected – non-perishable food, paper goods, and personal care items will be used for the clients we serve in our community and distributed through our donation room. When clients leave their homes to find safety from abuse, they often arrive with financial barriers. As we are helping them to gain employment, or find stable secure housing, the small support our donation room groceries can provide, might in turn allow the client to pay another important bill or provide something for a child, or fill an empty stomach. Although we are always “first responders” to someone fleeing abuse, there is so much more of the story to tell. Walking beside someone as they navigate uncertain futures is a special privilege, but to be able to provide the support that is needed, we need our community behind us. Thank you for being part of that community of supporters!"

FEAST VOUCHER

Please remember to secure the letter you should have received from HQ about the 2 gifts that can be obtained at your USA Feast site this year. The voucher is on the reverse side of the letter. This also contains your 4 Fall Holy Day envelopes. You should secure these in a place where you know you won't forget them when you go to the Feast.

If you are unable to attend the Feast, or going to a location outside the continental US, DO NOT give your voucher to someone else to pick up for you! Please contact your Pastor and your book and calendar will be ordered by the Pastor and distributed later at services, or brought to you.

I believe I have accounted for most everyone, but it would be good to check with me to be sure I have your name.

FEAST REGISTRATION

If you have not yet registered through the Cogwa Portal for the Feast of Tabernacles, you need to do this ASAP. All our members, including those unable to attend the Feast this year are asked to register. There is a place for “not attending”. We are asked to account for all the members of our local congregations on the Feast registration report.

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.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL - HICKORY – Saturday, July 29th

We will be having our annual Ice Cream social after services, to follow a potluck lunch. Please bring your favorite dishes along with drinks. Ice Cream and topping will be provided. Plan to stay for a delightful Sabbath afternoon of fellowship with a scoop of ice cream.

CAMP AGAPE THIS WEEK

This is a reminder that Teen Camp Agape is going on this week, so please be praying for good weather and an overall successful Camp.

TOM AND JULIE BURROW are at the Camp all this week, and so are not available for visiting.

THE KELLEY'S will be going to Ohio this coming Thursday, July 20, and will be returning on Tuesday, July 25, so Mr. Kelley will also not be available for anointing or visiting during that time. Please contact an Elder in your area if you need to be anointed during this time.

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).