

Announcements July 22, 2023

ALI HARPER HEALTH UPDATE

Many of you have been praying for Ali Harper who is Zack Harper's Mom, and Nancy Kelley's sister. The Kelley's visited with her Thursday afternoon and are happy to report that she is finally experiencing some improvements. Her vision is showing signs of returning as she is now able to make out certain shapes and colors. She still struggles with seeing objects directly in front of her. Also, her cognitive awareness has improved. She was able to engage in normal conversation and seemed oriented to time and place which is a big improvement. Thank you for your prayers and support.

RALEIGH POTLUCK

Our next potluck will be on August 12th. Our theme for this potluck is Caribbean so please bring your favorite Caribbean foods and plan to have a relaxing afternoon of food and fellowship.

Some suggestions: Jerk Chicken, Caribbean Beef Patties, Goat Curry, Rice and Peas, etc., or google Caribbean recipes and try something new.

FEAST VOUCHER

As a reminder, the latest letter sent out from Mr. Jim Franks also contained four holy day offering envelopes and a pocket calendar. Printed on the back side of the letter is your voucher to receive the new book, *Five Tools for Spiritual Growth*, and the 2024 wall calendar. These will be distributed at the Feast of Tabernacles in the continental U.S. this fall. It is very important that you keep this voucher to claim your book and wall calendar.

If you did not receive this letter or have mistakenly disposed of it, please contact the headquarters office at 972-521-7777 or send an email to greg.mccloud@cogwa.org.

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 next Sabbath, 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.

HICKORY ANNOUNCEMENT - Luncheon at Barbara Sprouse home:

Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 20, 2023! Barbara Sprouse is inviting everyone to come over to her home for a summer luncheon. Plan to bring your favorite picnic foods, sides, desserts, and drinks for sharing. Plates, cups, napkins, and cutlery will be provided. There will be a grill made available for anyone who wishes to use it.

Barbara asks that you bring a lawn chair if you wish to sit outside or a folding chair for indoors as she is limited to both.

Please plan to arrive around 12noon and we'll eat at 12:30pm.

This is a perfect opportunity to spend time with your church family for quality fellowship. Games of all types are a welcome addition to the fun!

Please see Barbara for details and to advise if you will be able to attend.

NEW HICKORY FOI PROJECT ANNOUNCED:

From Amanda Shaver and Diane O'Brien

Kintegra Behavioral Health is a company based out of Gastonia, North Carolina. They place mental health therapists within grades K-12. Amanda Shaver works in one of these schools and would like to assist with donations by providing students with basic school needs.

Newton-Conover is a small school system within Catawba County that serves low-income families who often cannot afford basic school supplies. This may seem like a small inconvenience to some but may alter a child's mental wellbeing. When basic needs are not met, students will struggle with concentrating and completing academics. This can result in emotional dysregulation which has the potential to cause depression or anxiety.

Not only will these donations help the students, but the teachers as well. The donation program will begin July 29th and run through August 26th. There are copies of the donation list on the information table and a donation box will be provided on or near the information table starting July 29th.

If you prefer a monetary donation, please place it in an envelope and either put it in the donation box or hand it to Mrs. Shaver or Mrs. O'Brien. The money will be used to purchase items and receipts will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Shaver or Mrs. O'Brien.

GREENSBORO FOI PROJECT INFORMATION

We are going to apply to help with the Randolph County Crisis Center. This organization helps women, children, and other groups.

If this project is approved, the need should be to help with purchasing items and assembly of school supply kits and household item kits.

If anyone is interested in supporting Greensboro's FOI project, please donate new or

gently used book bags. Again, we are supporting the Randolph County Family Crisis Center who needs school supplies for the upcoming school year.

These book bags can be given to Mr. Kelley in Raleigh and Hickory and to Karen or Brandy in Greensboro. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Dolby or Brandy Brinkley.

CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED

Mr. Bill Braswell is seeking volunteers to sing in the choir for the Feast of Trumpets in Mebane this year. If you are interested in receiving the information, please contact Mr. Braswell directly, or contact Mr. Kelley. In order for the choir to be successful we really need some additional volunteers.

GREENSBORO – This is especially directed to you. Mr. Braswell has selected a very nice chorale piece that will really be uplifting for the brethren on this special Holy Day.

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).