

## Announcements August 12, 2023

### **GUATEMALA SERVICE PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT**

Please make the following announcement in your congregations the next three Sabbaths.  
Greetings from McKinney, Texas!

Foundation Outreach International and the Church would like to announce an opportunity for up to four young adults to serve in Guatemala assisting in a dental project during the Guatemala yearly campout in late November 2023. The service project will end with hiking trips in the area surrounding Antiqua, Guatemala.

If you are interested in this unique service project, please pick up copies of both the project fact sheet (which details requirements, dates and costs) and the application. The deadline for applying is Sept. 9; however, the SOONER you apply the better, as we will be accepting people during the process! So, get your application in soon!

FOI will host an information meeting on Aug. 13 at 7 p.m. Central time. Please email [support@foundationoutreachintl.org](mailto:support@foundationoutreachintl.org) for an invitation to the Zoom meeting.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact David Jackson at [david.jackson@cogwa.org](mailto:david.jackson@cogwa.org) or FOI at [support@foundationoutreachintl.org](mailto:support@foundationoutreachintl.org).

Thank you all very much!

### **SPIRAL BOUND HYMNALS HAVE ARRIVED**

For those of you who indicated a few months ago that you would like to have a replacement pianist/song leaders spiral bound hymnal, they have finally arrived. Mr. Kelley has them in Hickory and Greensboro today and will continue to keep some with him until everyone who needs a spiral bound hymnal has one..

### **ROANOKE FAMILY WEEKEND**

If you think there is a possibility you will attend this event, Mr. Lambert really wants to hear from you ASAP. (Reading full announcement not necessary)

The dates for our next Roanoke Family Weekend (formerly Chatham Family Weekend) is November 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. We are changing the name to Roanoke Family Weekend since Roanoke is the host congregation and our venue is changing this year.

We will be meeting at the Pigg River Community Center for this year's event. The address is: **2410 S Main St, Rocky Mount, VA 24151**. (not North Carolina)

Mrs. Tranquada is going to reserve a block of rooms at a discounted rate at a nearby Holiday Inn Express and Suites.

If you will be attending this weekend and would like to reserve a room, please let me know that so that we can estimate how many rooms to ask for. Also, do you prefer a room with a king bed or two doubles/queens? You can contact Larry Lambert at [larry.lambert@cogwa.org](mailto:larry.lambert@cogwa.org)

This weekend is becoming a favorite with Bible studies, sermons, youth classes, good food, a family dance and novelty Olympics on Sunday. It is a wonderful opportunity for good fellowship.

## **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.

### **FAMILY DAY VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED**

We are seeking volunteers to help out with various tasks at Family Day at the Feast in Greenville. Mr. Kelley is in charge of the event this year and we are hoping to make it a very enjoyable event for everyone. There are opportunities for everyone including teens and senior citizens. (Note – seniors can assist while being under the pavilion). If you could help for any period of time on Monday, October 2, that would be very much appreciated. Please text, call or email Mr. Kelley.

### **SENIORS LUNCHEON VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED**

Mr. Tom Burrows will be in charge of the Seniors Luncheon this year and is also looking for anyone who would like to volunteer to assist with the planning and implementation of this special Feast event.

### **HICKORY ANNOUNCEMENT – LUNCHEON AT BARBARA SPROUSE HOME:**

Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 20th! 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. Please plan to arrive around 12noon and we'll eat at 12:30pm. 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.

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.

### **TIER 2 DONATIONS**

Two times a year, we make an announcement to you about donations to the local church Tier 2 fund. To clarify again, these funds are basically for funding our snacks and church socials. Here is a listing of what Tier 2 funds are to be used for:

Sports programs and gym rentals:

Uniforms:

Youth Activity Programs:

Flowers for funerals of non-member(s) that do not attend services:

Church Social Items:

Church Snack Items:

Additional recreational or programs directed by pastor:

So since we don't have sports programs and uniforms, the funds are almost exclusively used for snacks and socials of which we have frequently. Typically we only have a very few members donate to Tier 2 and we sincerely appreciate those donations. However, since we all enjoy the snacks and socials, it is appropriate for all of us to make a donation, even if it is only a few dollars. Small amounts combined together would fulfill all our requirements for the year. So, please consider giving a small donation to the Tier 2 fund of your local church treasury. Funds can be sent to your local treasurer made payable to COGWA. Please indicate in Memo section of check these funds are for Tier 2. They are tax deductible, and you will receive a receipt next January.

### **HICKORY FOI PROJECT**

Reminder that school supplies for Shuford Elementary are still being accepted until August 19th.

If you have any questions about this project, please contact Amanda Shaver or Diane O'Brien.

### **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. We really need more of our members to participate in the choir for the Holy Days.

### **CHILDREN'S CHOIR AT THE FEAST**

Yesterday, I forwarded an email to everyone who has children that would be of the age to participate in the Children's Choir at the Feast. If you did NOT receive this email, but would like to, please notify Mr. Kelley and it will be sent to you.

### **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: