

Announcements August 19, 2023

RALEIGH – JOHN & BARBARA SPENCE UPDATE

John Spence sends greetings to Raleigh and asks for prayers that Barbara can continue to remember him. She has forgotten all other family members and does not remember being married. She is in good health otherwise.

THANKS FROM JORDAN

"I want to thank everyone in the Raleigh congregation for the lovely sendoff they gave me last Sabbath. As I'm writing this, I'm sitting in my FI dorm room, eyeing up the tremendous heap of snacks and goodies everyone sent here with me. Thank you all so much for your generosity and your care. I love you all and look forward to seeing you all again very soon."

Thank you again,
Jordan

RALEIGH KIDS AREA

With the desire to make the Kid's Corner more kid and parent friendly, we have rearranged the furniture. Parents can now sit close to the play area while they and their children are having their snacks. After snacks are over, one table will be reserved for the parents and the other for crafts for the older children.

A play mat has been provided to make floor play more enjoyable. It is our hope that this special corner for the kids will help cut down with the safety concerns of running and toy tripping hazards."

Ms. Beverly McKnight kindly donated some toys from the Greensboro congregation. If any children did not sign the thank you card last week, please see Abigail Wood today.

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 for an invitation to the Zoom meeting.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact David Jackson at david.jackson@cogwa.org or FOI at support@foundationoutreachintl.org.

Thank you all very much!

BRANSON UPDATE—NEW FACILITY

Good news! We have a new home for the Feast in Branson. While the Yakov Smirnoff Theatre will be closed for repair through the end of the year, God has given us a new facility, the Branson Hillside Theatre (formerly the Welk Theatre).

The Hillside Theatre is a beautiful 2,200-seat theater with a large lobby and plenty of space for all our needs. We will have exclusive use of the theater for the time we are there. It has a restaurant that is open for breakfast and will be open for lunch on the two holy days. The theater is conveniently located 2 miles from much of our housing. The address is 1985 State Hwy. 165 in Branson.

God has truly blessed us with another home after the storm damage to the Yakov Theatre. Thanks to everyone for your prayers for God's blessing in finding another location for the Feast. We look forward to seeing you all in Branson!

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.

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 DON'T NEED TO READ THIS.

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 DON'T NEED TO READ THIS

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: