

Announcements October 28, 2023

ALI HARPER

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Ali Harper last night (Oct 27). No arrangements have been made at this time. Thank you for your love and prayers over the last few months.

Angie McFarland
490 Peacock Lane
Davisville, WV 26142

Craig Harper
356 Peacock Lane
Davisville, WV 26142

Zack Harper
193 Stubblefield Lake Rd.
Huntsville, TX 77340

RACHEL DILLARD SURGERY

Rachael Dillard wants to say thank you for all the prayers from everyone. Her surgery went well this past Thursday, and she is at home recovering. She is still sore but is doing okay.

DONNY JOHNSON (BARBARA JOHNSON'S HUSBAND)

Update on Barbara Johnson's husband, Donny. For those who do not know, Donny was in an accident this past Tuesday after passing out behind the wheel. He went to Urgent Care on his own but was taken by Ambulance to Galax Hospital. They ran some tests to determine why he passed out. He is home, but the tests have not shown what caused him to pass out. The only thing they have been able to find out is that he has an issue with his blood pressure. Please continue to keep Barbara and Donny in your prayers.

JIM HAEFFELE RETIREMENT

Mr. Haeffele's Florida congregations are planning his retirement celebration. They are asking if any of us from North Carolina would plan to travel to Florida for this special Sabbath. They have provided the following information:

- **Jim Haeffele's Retirement Sabbath**
- **Date: December 30, 2023**
- **Location:** South Gate Community Center 3145 Southgate Circle, Sarasota, FL 34239
- **Time:** Services at 11:00AM followed by Lunch and Fellowship.

If you think you would like to attend, please email to Chuck.Sinon@cogwa.org

WINTER FAMILY WEEKEND (WFW)

From Nathan Willoughby, coordinator:

Please make plans to join us for this year's Winter Family Weekend at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky!

This year's event will run from Friday evening, Dec. 22, through Tuesday evening, Dec. 26, and will feature plenty of fellowship time, the opportunity to gain knowledge on how we can "Be Strong and of Good Courage" and the chance to participate in many of the WFW activities you have come to enjoy!

Registration is scheduled to open Sunday, Nov. 5! Next Sabbath more detailed information about the weekend and registration will be made available.

Mark your calendars and begin making plans to be at this year's Winter Family Weekend!

ROANOKE FAMILY WEEKEND

Please plan to join us once again for this year's Roanoke Family Weekend. We'll be meeting in a new location in Rocky Mount, VA, just south of Roanoke. The hotel has agreed to extend our discounted rate of \$139 & \$149 depending upon which room you desire. Use the following link to make your reservation soon:

<https://www.hiexpress.com/redirect?path=rates&brandCode=EX&localeCode=en®ionCode=1&hotelCode=RCMVA&checkInDate=11&checkInMonthYear=102023&checkOutDate=13&checkOutMonthYear=102023&PMID=99801505&GPC=COG&cn=no&viewfullsite=true>

Activities will begin Sabbath morning at 10 a.m. with coffee, snacks and fellowship. Sabbath school classes will begin at 10:30 a.m., followed by a Teen/Young Adult Bible study and General Bible Study both from 11am-12pm. Then we'll break for lunch on our own and return for services and the remaining activities beginning at 2:30pm. Kathy Earles will be coordinating the morning snacks before Bible study, please speak with her if you have any questions. The meeting facility and address is:

**Pigg River Community Center
2410 S. Main St.
Rocky Mount, VA 24151**

After services we will have a chili and taco meal with cookie table for dessert, followed by a family dance and silent auction beginning at 7 p.m. Please see Frances Earles to find out more about the evening meal and discuss what you'd like to bring. For those traveling from Williamsburg and Greensboro, we ask that you please bring your favorite cookies to contribute towards dessert.

The theme for the dance this year will be the 70s decade, so wear your "grooviest" outfit and be ready to boogie!

We plan to have a variety silent auction this year in lieu of a cake auction. Once again, the donations will go to benefit our Youth Camp Fund. You are still welcome to donate any baked goods for the auction, or you may bring handmade items, new items, or items you no longer want but that are in good usable condition to be auctioned off. Please **NO** clothing items (scarves/gloves/hats are fine). Thanks in advance for your participation in this event!

On Sunday, we plan a family softball game in the field beside the event center (bring your glove if you have one and want to play). We will also have card and board games set up inside for those who may

prefer to stay indoors. Please see Johnathon or Chancy Arnold if you have any questions concerning softball or board games.
It's sure to be a wonderful weekend. We look forward to seeing you there!

THE BOOK AND THE CALENDAR

For those of you who were unable to attend the Feast or who attended outside the US and who notified me in advance, I have your new book and calendar with me today in Raleigh. Tom and Julie Burrows are distributing any remaining books that haven't been claimed in Hickory and Greensboro.

However,

It is now time to determine the number of *Five Tools for Spiritual Growth* books and 2024 calendars still needed in your area. Please poll your congregations and scattered members over the next two Sabbaths (Oct. 21 and 28) and let us know the **number of households** that have **not** yet received these gifts.

So, if you did not receive these at the Feast, and we did not bring your pre-arranged book/calendar to you (please check with Tom Burrows to be sure), then please let Mr. Burrows know BY OCTOBER 29TH (Tomorrow!) if you need the book and the calendar. This is still one per household.

tom.burrows@cogwa.org

He will be sending in the order on Monday.

The Home Office will bulk ship them to Mr. Burrows for distribution.

RALEIGH POTLUCK

"Our next potluck is scheduled for November 4th, and our theme is Thanksgiving. There will be a sign-up list down by the snack tables. Please plan to come for a wonderful afternoon of food and fellowship."

This will also be the Kelley's last Sabbath in North Carolina.

WINTER CAMP REMINDER

We at COGWA Youth Camps are also excited to let you know that we are moving forward with plans to hold teen Winter Camp over the winter break as in past years. You'll find more information and can apply at camps.cogwa.org with specifics about some of the uniqueness of Winter Camp on its page on the website: <https://camps.cogwa.org/camps/winter-camp/>.

The staff application deadline is Nov. 1, and the camper deadline is Nov. 15. As in the past, please do not purchase any nonrefundable airline tickets until you are notified to go ahead and do so.

We look forward to seeing you at Winter Camp!

CHECK INFO TABLE

Please don't forget to check the information table for printouts 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:

Login: nc_member Password: 4cogwaNC. Note this is case sensitive.