

Announcements December 9, 2023

Greensboro & Hickory Welcoming Snacks

December 16th will be the first Sabbath for Mr. and Mrs. Schultz in Greensboro and Hickory. We are planning to have a special Welcoming Snack Table. Please bring Hors d'oeuvres, "Finger Foods," and special snacks. We can enjoy a day of light nibbles and fellowship. Also, if you did not get the announcement this week, Mr. Schultz has a severe allergy to tree nuts. If you do have a dish that has tree nuts (Almonds, cashews, pecans, walnuts, etc.), please make sure that it is labeled.

Virginia Beach Weekend

This year's Virginia Beach Weekend will be January 12-15, 2024. Information was sent out this week about hotel reservations. The Theme this year is 2 Peter 1:10 - Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble. There will be a Friday night and Sabbath morning Bible Study. There will also be a Teen/YA Bible Study on Sabbath morning, with services in the afternoon. More information will be coming.

Sabbath of December 23

Sabbath services on December 23rd for all congregations will be at 2:30 PM. We will receive the webcast from WFW.

FI Applications & Interviews at WFW

Foundation Institute's current academic year is almost at the halfway point, and we are now accepting applications for the 2024-2025 academic year. Applications may be completed and submitted electronically from the Foundation Institute website (foundationinstitute.org/).

Part of the application process includes a brief interview with a member of the Admissions Committee. When necessary, we can conduct the interview over the phone, but most of those committee members will be attending the Winter Family Weekend this year, and it would be an excellent opportunity to conduct in-person interviews and allow prospective students to ask questions.

If you plan to apply for Foundation Institute next year and will be attending the Winter Family Weekend, please contact the registrar, David Johnson, at David.johnson@cogwa.org. We will then be able to set up a mutually agreeable time for your interview.

We look forward to meeting you in just a few weeks.

WFW Hotel Reservation Deadline Reminder

We are only two weeks away from the start of WFW 2023! If you are planning to come but haven't yet registered, please do so soon! You can register by clicking on the link in your COGWA member portal.

If you have registered but haven't yet made hotel reservations, please do so by the Dec. 15 reservation deadline. After Dec. 15, you are not guaranteed the special rate of \$85 (plus tax) per night.

WFW Merchandise Deadline Reminder

As was announced last Sabbath, we are again offering WFW merchandise! This year we have tumblers, youth hoodies and quarter-zip adult jackets.

All orders need to be placed by Dec. 15 and paid for no later than Dec. 20 to secure your merchandise. All proceeds will benefit Foundation Outreach International.

Please use the link that was sent out last Sabbath or go to <https://members.cogwa.org/wfw/foi-fundraiser/> to place your order.

Items will not be shipped. You must pick them up when you go to WFW.

WFW Scavenger Hunt (For those going to WFW)

Think you have eagle eyes? Grab your friends and join the third annual Winter Family Weekend Scavenger Hunt. The hunt will begin Saturday night at 6 p.m. and end Monday at 5 p.m. You will have the opportunity to compete against other teams to find and complete the most scavenger hunt objectives. Form your team of three to eight people and email Danielle Duncan at Danielle.rehor@gmail.com to participate and receive more details. Prizes will be awarded for the teams coming in first and second place. Happy hunting!

WFW Churchill Downs Tour

The Churchill Downs Tour is now full. No more participants will be able to register for this event.

LIFT (Life Insights for Teens) Kits for Teens

During the Feast of Tabernacles, U.S. teens were directed to the Information Table to receive their LIFT (Life Insights for Teens) Launch Kits. These kits contained an instruction flyer for signing up, water bottle stickers and a LIFT wristband. If you traveled internationally and did *not* receive a kit, or you did not pick one up, please let Tom Burrows know so he can order you one.

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.**

Quarterly Administration Video Message

(For Hickory and Greensboro 12-9-23; Raleigh 12-16-23)

"I Know the Plans I Have for You," presented by Clyde Kilough