

Announcements February 13, 2021

DONNA HENSLEY SURGERY FEB. 19

Donna Hensley will be having back surgery next Friday, Feb. 19th at Wake Forest Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. She requests prayers for a successful surgery and recovery.

PREPARING FOR NTBMO

Hopefully you have started your preparations for Night To Be Much Observed. With the assumption that the Coronavirus will still be around to a degree by the end of March, we will not be planning any large group gatherings. It is recommended that people who live fairly close to each other should plan to have a nice dinner at the home of someone willing to host. Remember that this year NTBMO falls on a Saturday night, so it's likely some guests may simply go to your home after services to cut down on driving.

For those who may be thinking of gathering with a small group in a nice restaurant, you should consider making a reservation well in advance to insure you will have adequate seating with no wait. Again, keep in mind that this will be on a Saturday night and the nice area restaurants will normally be at capacity most of the evening.

If you are still looking for a place to be with someone, this would be a good time to go ahead and let Mr. Kelley know you are hoping to be invited somewhere. We will try to help you find a location.

PASSOVER AND UNLEAVENED BREAD LOCATIONS AND TIMES:

RALEIGH:

Passover – March 26; 7:45pm – Regular Church Hall

First DUB - March 28; 2:00pm - Hilton Raleigh North Hills,
3415 Wake Forest Rd.,
Raleigh, NC 27609.

Last DUB – April 3; 1:30pm – Regular Church Hall

GREENSBORO:

Passover – March 26: 7:45pm – Regular Church Hall

First DUB – March 28: 3:00pm – Regular Church Hall

Last DUB – April 3; 3:00pm – Regular Church Hall

HICKORY:

Passover – March 26: 7:45pm – Regular Church Hall

First DUB – March 28: 2:00pm – Regular Church Hall

Last DUB – April 3; 10:30am – Regular Church Hall

CHARLOTTE: March 26, 7:45pm – Home 2 Suites by Hilton,
5110 Piper Station Dr.
Charlotte, North Carolina 28277

NOTE: The Sabbath of March 27, services will be at regular times and regular locations.

NEW BIBLE STUDY COURSE (OK to summarize this)

We are excited to have launched on Wednesday, Feb. 2, a major new program for preaching the gospel: the new Life, Hope & Truth Bible Study Course. This will undoubtedly be a helpful study tool for both new contacts and Church members.

We wanted to make all of you aware that there are two ways to access the course. The main way, which we are promoting publicly, is through the Life, Hope & Truth website (<https://bsc.lifehopeandtruth.com/>).

The other way is through the COGWA Members website:

<https://members.cogwa.org/education/type/bible-study-course/>

(or by going to members.cogwa.org, hovering over the “Education” link, and clicking “Bible Study Course”).

We prefer that users access the course through LHT because it allows us to monitor the effectiveness of the course and offer supplemental materials. But we know there are some who do not have an Internet connection or will find the LHT system challenging.

Since we don't have the capacity to print and distribute the entire course at this time, we are asking pastors to accommodate this need at the local level. We ask that you arrange to provide printed copies to members who can't access the course online, but desire to take it.

Again, you can access and print individual lessons from the member website. All of the lessons on this page have the quizzes included in the design so they can be taken by hand. (The quizzes on the Life, Hope & Truth website are taken electronically.)

Though we are not actively promoting this alternate way of accessing the Bible Study Course from the member site, we wanted you to be aware of it as a convenient way to access the entire course outside of the LHT login system.

We hope you, and the brethren, find this course to be a helpful tool!

2021 CAMP PROGRAM ANNOUNCED (OK to summarize this)

From Ken Treybig, national camp coordinator:

We are happy to announce that the dates for our 2021 camps in the United States are now available on the home page of the camp website, <https://camps.cogwa.org/>. You will note that this year only two of our camps are scheduled to run at the same time—Camp Sequoia Preteen and Camp Cherokee. We were able to space all the others out so that they do not conflict.

We also wanted to let everyone know that because we did not run our in-person camps last summer, our teen camps will all be accepting 19-year-olds this year. The preteen camps will stick to their normal 6-12 age range.

Some enhancements for the application process are in the works—such as digital signatures—but we are not quite ready to announce all the details. We look forward to sharing those with you as we get closer to our early March starting time for applications.

CHURCH CALENDARS;**PLEASE ANNOUNCE THE NEXT TWO SABBATHS**

From Clyde Kilough:

This year instead of sending a new booklet, we have sent member households a wall calendar for 2021 and 2022. You may or may not have received your copy yet, but when you do, please take the time to review each page.

It's come to our attention that some members have received a calendar with the months out of order or duplicated. This page order issue was due to an unnoticed error in the printing and binding process.

We'd like to ask each of you to thoroughly examine your calendar's pages and make sure the months are correct. If you've received a copy with any problems, please notify the headquarters office by phone (972-521-7777 or U.S. toll-free 888-926-4929) or by email (info@cogwa.org). We'll mail you a replacement calendar copy as soon as possible.

Thank you for your patience and your help.

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: **(712) 770-5363**. 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](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8628585810#success>

ACCESSING OUR LOCAL MEMBERS WEBSITE

The website is:

<http://greensboro.cogwa.org/>

Some areas are for members only. Please contact pastor Ron Kelley at **(336) 757-2305** or rkelly8@roadrunner.com for login and password.