

## **Announcements May 15, 2021**

### **Camp Announcements**

For those of you considering applying for Camp this year whether as campers or as volunteer staff, please be sure to submit your application online ASAP. The Camp Directors need to have projected numbers available to them now as they don't have much time to plan for everything that must be done to prepare for the meals, the housing, and all the activities of Camp. So if Camp is a possibility – and I hope it is for all our young people- please apply this week.

### **SWARTZ SUMMER PICNIC**

Please set aside Sunday, June 13th as the date for our annual summer picnic at the home of Greg and Jan Swartz. More details to come soon.

### **HICKORY Light SNACKS/LUNCH NEXT SABBATH MAY 22:**

We are planning to bring our own “snack/lunch”.

- We are to sit at the tables that will be set up by the men shortly after services.
- This will begin as soon after services as reasonable.
- The lunch should be concluded by about 1:15 at the latest. It should begin to end around 1:00pm.
- The group seated at any one table is responsible for cleaning that table after their lunch is finished. This includes the disinfectant wipes.
- All people still remaining who are able; should assist in the final cleanup including putting away the tables/chairs and sweeping the floor

### **FUTURE HICKORY PICNICS AT BAKER MOUNTAIN:**

Our annual Baker Mountain Picnics are scheduled (June 19 and July 17). Please mark your calendars and plan to join your church family and enjoy this special time of fellowship.

### **GREENSBORO SNACKS AFTER SERVICES ON MAY 22**

The Greensboro congregation will also enjoy a picnic supper after services next Sabbath May 22. We'll use the picnic tables, weather permitting, but if not, we'll once again use the facility across the patio as we have before. The idea is to bring our own picnic supper and enjoy it together with your church family.

### **Volunteering to Serve at the Feast**

Members can now sign up to serve at the Feast. We deeply appreciate all who have volunteered to serve at the Feast in the past since we rely heavily on volunteers to help make each Feast site run smoothly for everyone.

Go to your account in the COGWA Portal, click on the “gear” icon by your Feast registration, and then click on the orange button for service and music. Click inside the large box for service and/or for music to get a list of items you can sign up for. Please be patient after clicking as it sometimes takes a few seconds for the lists to appear. Each type of service or music you add will open another set of options below the large box. When you have entered all your information be sure to click on the green “Update Service & Music” button to save your selections. Simply close the browser window once the information is updated. You can go back to modify your information at any time and that data will stay in the system for next year.

We thank you all in advance for your service at the Feast of Tabernacles!

## Limited Openings Available for FI Educational Tour of Israel in 2022

Foundation Institute had planned to sponsor a bilingual (English and Spanish) educational tour of Israel in June 2021. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we made the difficult decision to postpone the trip one year (to June 2022). Though the majority of those who signed up for the 2021 trip decided to participate in the rescheduled 2022 trip, some needed to withdraw. This has opened up approximately 12 spaces on the English bus and 11 spots on the Spanish bus.

We now plan to conduct the trip from May 31 to June 7, 2022. This will also allow us to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost in Jerusalem.

The trip will follow a similar itinerary to that of our past educational tours, starting in the northern part of Israel and ending in the city of Jerusalem. The trip will include visits to:

- ❖ Caesarea, Megiddo and Mount Carmel.
- ❖ The Sea of Galilee and northern Israel—Mount of the Beatitudes, Nazareth and Tel Dan.
- ❖ The Jordan Valley—Beth Shean, Qumran, Masada.
- ❖ Jerusalem—Temple Mount, City of David, Hezekiah's Tunnel, Western Wall, Golgotha and the Garden Tomb, Yad Vashem, etc.

We will tour on air-conditioned coaches with professional Israeli guides and historians. There will also be on-site lectures from FI instructors and ministers, as well as services in Jerusalem on the Sabbath and Pentecost.

Since we only have a few openings, we anticipate receiving more applications than we can accommodate, and we want to be as fair as possible to everyone. Therefore, after giving everyone a few days to apply, we will use an electronic lottery system to select who will have the opportunity to join the group and who will be put on a waiting list.

Refer to the attached fact sheet for more information about the trip and about how to register for these available spots.

We hope you will consider joining us for this exciting opportunity!

David Johnson and Erik Jones

## **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/>

Then you will see a small place in the upper right hand corner of the page to enter in a user name and password:

**Please contact Mr. Ron Kelley for user name and password.**