

Announcements January 27, 2018

THANKS FOR RALEIGH POTLUCK/SNACKS

A thank you for everyone making our potluck meal last week so delicious and enjoyable. Our take home the leftovers is working well -- at least Carol Renegar didn't have much to take home. Also, a thank you for all the effort in making our snacks each week special.

NICK BOLINGER UPDATE

Over the past year, we have been providing funds to allow Nick Bolinger, our inmate member, to purchase coffee and snacks that would otherwise be unavailable to him. Our fund is running low and Nick would like to place an order again. If you would like to make a small contribution to this fund, it's a great way to show your support and concern for him. Please send your contribution made out to "Lee Dolby; 1200 Birch Hill Dr.; Kernersville, NC 27284". The order must be submitted by February 9th, so if you would like to help, please do so quickly. Nick sends along his thanks and appreciation.

Southeast Regional Teen Prom Weekend: A Black & White Ball...& Paintball! (don't read all this - just reference.....)

Nashville invites teens and their families to a weekend of fun March 9-11, 2018. We'll begin Friday evening with an all-family Welcome Reception offering warm fellowship, delicious desserts, and hymn singing. 2pm Sabbath services and the teen prom will take place at the Memorial Building 308 W 7th Street Columbia, TN 38401. The theme is a "Black and White Ball" and attendees are encouraged (but not required) to wear black and white formal attire. We look forward to honoring the graduating seniors and helping everyone to enjoy a memorable evening. There will be a "Younger Siblings Party" nearby with pizza, games, & movies for 4-12 year olds. Early registration is \$30/teen (\$35 after Feb 10.) After a good night's rest, teens are welcome to join the local young adults to play paintball on Sunday. \$35 includes equipment rental, paint, & all day play. Rooms are available at the nearby Hampton Inn for \$85/night + tax and include breakfast for up to four guests. Complete details and links to register and to volunteer (we need you, parents!) are on Facebook @SERegionalProm. Contact Sharon Babcock at 763-486-7877 or sharontb@gmail.com<<mailto:sharontb@gmail.com>> with questions. We hope to see a great turnout from across the region for this exciting weekend of activities!

FEAST OF TABERNACLES ITALY REGISTRATION:

While general registration for all other COGWA Feast sites will commence on Sunday, April 1, registration for the Feast of Tabernacles in Cortona, Italy, will take place much earlier. Cortona registration will be on Sunday, Feb. 11, beginning at 10 a.m. (Central time).

If you are planning to register for Cortona, take time in advance to make sure you have an account setup in the COGWA portal system. (The web address for the portal is <https://portal.cogwa.org>.)

Also, please make sure the email address in the portal system is your current email and that all information for family members and dependents is up to date.

Registrations will be accepted online only. If you are planning to register for Italy and do not have Internet access or need assistance registering, please contact your local Festival adviser, _____, after services today.

On Sunday, Feb. 11, plan to sign in to your portal account at or after 10 a.m. (Central time). At that time the Feast registration button will become available under the "Upcoming Events" section. You may need to refresh the page for it to appear. Click the button to begin the registration process. Make sure that you complete the registration fully by clicking the "Submit Registration" button.

All successful registrants will receive a confirmation email right away. If you do not receive that email, you may not have properly completed the registration process. (You might also check your spam folder if you don't see the email right away.) Please note: This confirmation email does not mean you are accepted.

Within five days you will be notified by email whether you have been accepted or whether you are on the waiting list for Cortona, Italy.

If you are planning to register for Cortona, Italy-be sure to get a copy of the REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS from your Festival adviser or pastor. These instructions will assist you in properly completing your registration.

Because of limited seating, only members who are accepted will be able to attend services in Cortona.

We are accepting members for Cortona based on the time order of their online registration. This seems to be the fairest way for everyone. But it means that Cortona may not be the best site for you if you want to attend the Feast together with a large number of extended family members or friends. We are not able to accept group registrations. Valid registrations will be single households-adult(s) and any dependents.

If you have any questions about registration, please see your local Festival adviser or your pastor.

NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL SUPER SOCIAL

Hopefully most of you have sent your payment (and thereby made your reservation) for the Friday night "Super" buffet dinner. The cost will be \$20 per person which includes all you can eat prime rib and chicken piccata. Children aged 5 to 12 will be \$10. Children 4 and under will be free.

Registration for the dinner is currently lower than expected, so we would like to encourage you to attend if at all possible.

If you are still undecided, remember that some funds have been made available to help in that regard. We can still add names to the buffet list up through February 16th. This will be our cut-

off date. Funds should be sent to Greensboro Treasurer Sylvia Robertson. Her address is:

Sylvia Robertson
3900 Brook Hollow Rd.
Whitsett, NC 27377

Remember dinner will be followed by a dessert reception adjacent to the hall from the dinner.

A new activity has been added for more mature adults (that's a code word for "older") following dinner on Saturday night. We will have about a one-hour game called "What's My Line?" - based on the old (really old) TV show from the '60's (or was it the '50's). Jane Dean of the Asheville congregation will be emceeding the event.

We hope you will make your plans to be in Greensboro for the Super Social weekend. There will be no local services in Raleigh or Hickory that Sabbath. This is a chance to fellowship with your brethren from all over the area and chat with COGWA president Mr. Jim Franks and his wife Sharron.

Please remember to sign the food sign-up sheet, for the Sabbath evening meal at the Super Social. The list will be on the announcement table.

Location for the hotel is the Airport Holiday Inn. Address is: 6426 Burnt Poplar Rd, Greensboro, NC 27409. Remember, cost of the hotel will be \$79.00 per night which is a significantly discounted rate and includes a full breakfast. When making reservations; be sure to mention "Cogwa". The phone number for reservations is: (336) 668-0421.

If you are planning to attend, but have not yet made your reservation, we request that you please consider making your reservation this week so we will know if more rooms need to be blocked.

Saturday's events will be at the Southwest Middle School 4368 Southwest School Road, High Point, NC 27265. - a seminar by Mr. Franks beginning at 11:00am, lunch, Sabbath Services at 2:30pm a brisket and turkey dinner, and evening activities. The evening activities include basketball and volleyball in the gym until 9:30pm; and activities for the younger kids too! It should be a great day!! Later that evening there will even be an opportunity for Karaoke back at the hotel (for those staying there or those who would like to drop by.).

Another seminar by Mr. Franks will be held at the hotel on Sunday morning at 10:00am followed by a Q & A session and then a group lunch at the J & S Cafeteria; 5835 Samet Dr, High Point, NC 27265.

ROOM SHARING AND TRANSPORTATION

If anyone would like to share a room at the Holiday Inn for the Super Social, but hasn't been able to find someone to share with, would you please let Mr. Kelley know ASAP? Also, if anyone has transportation needs that have not been able to be met, please make that known as well. We don't want someone to not attend because they cannot find transportation.

MEN'S CLUB

We will be starting our Men's Club meetings again today after services in Raleigh. They begin next Sabbath, February 3rd in Hickory and Greensboro. As mentioned earlier, we will be covering the material provided to us by Ministerial Services on the topics of Christian leadership in the Church. This is very important material for us and therefore attendance and participating is expected.

Please make plans to stay over for these important meetings which will begin 10 minutes after services and last approximately 45 minutes.