



Parkersburg & Morgantown, WV and Athens, OH for April 20, 2018

Greetings everyone:

Finally, we have some warmer weather! Today the temperature here was a sunny 58 degrees which is a significant improvement from last week.

Last Monday and Tuesday we have a very informative Webinar with the headquarters ministers. One subject that was discussed was security at Sabbath Services. I am appointing some from the congregation to work with the security at each hall. The doors are to be locked during services unless there is no bar to open from the inside. We also will have some specifically assigned to watch the entrances to the hall. I will plan to give more information at Sabbath Services.

I have sent out a new speaking schedule. We now are going to be planning more webcasting in the future as requested by HQ.

An In Home Bible Study is scheduled for Sunday, April 22nd. Time: 3:00 PM

Cheryl and I plan to be in Morgantown tomorrow.

Have a great Sabbath!

Bill Jahns

http://parkersburg.cogwa.org/uploads/Member_Letter_Apr_5_2018.pdf

<http://parkersburg.cogwa.org/uploads/MarchMay2018-Final.pdf>

http://parkersburg.cogwa.org/uploads/April_2018_calendar.jpg

LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS 04/21/18 Sunset: Parkersburg: 8:08 PM

CHURCH INFORMATION – Church of God, a Worldwide Association has a website where you can get the latest information.

Donations can be sent to: Church of God a Worldwide Association, P.O. Box 731480, Dallas, TX 75373-1480

Local donations can be sent to: Church of God, Parkersburg, P.O. Box 181, Davisville, WV 26142

WEB SITE – Parkersburg, Athens and Morgantown have their own website which can be accessed for the schedule, announcements and other information. The URL is: <http://parkersburg.cogwa.org/>

PRAYER REQUESTS – See the information table for the latest prayer requests.

MORGANTOWN is scheduled to meet with Pittsburgh on March 10th 3:00 PM. Location: South Strabane Fire Hall, 172 Oak Spring Rd, Washington, PA. A potluck will be held. Everyone should bring a main dish. Those whose last names end from A to M should bring a desert. Those with names from N to Z should bring a salad or extra dish.

NIGHT TO BE MUCH OBERSEVED — Check with local leaders for location.

ATHENS, MORGANTOWN & PARKERSBURG SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 20 th	Pentecost
Sunday, June 10 th	Athens Yard Sale

Festival registration is now open

We ask that ALL COGWA households please complete the online Festival registration—whether attending in the U.S. or internationally. If adult members in one household are attending different sites, they will need to register individually. We also ask that those NOT attending please register as well—this gives us more accurate figures for planning.

Beginning at 10 a.m. Eastern time on Sunday, April 1, members can begin accessing the <http://feast.cogwa.org> web page for Feast registration. The email address of the registrant will be used to identify that person's or family's registration account. After accessing the COGWA Feast web page, simply click on the "REGISTRATION" tab and begin the process. All registrants will receive an email verification immediately after completing the first step of registration. To complete the process, simply access that email, click on the link provided and finish your Festival registration.

« **Members without Internet access** should be assisted by their local Festival adviser.

Registration for satellite sites: As we have already mentioned, COGWA will be sponsoring two satellite Festival sites in southern Minnesota and southern Florida this year. These are *restricted attendance* sites designed for those members in that region who find it difficult to travel to their regular assigned Feast site (Branson, Missouri, and Orange Beach, Alabama). The members in those areas will receive further information about attendance requirements for those two sites; however, we want the rest of the membership to be aware that these two Festival sites are for those affected in that region, along with any family members who choose to join them.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

In the first week we have over 60 percent of our U.S. COGWA members registered for the Feast of Tabernacles! While Festival registration will continue to be open over the next few weeks, we **strongly** encourage those members who have not yet registered for the Feast of Tabernacles to do so soon. This includes those who will not be able to attend the Feast. These registration numbers greatly assist us in our early Festival planning.

Please note: **Rapid City**, South Dakota, is **now closed** to further registration, as it is at total capacity. Those members who have not yet registered may want to consider **San Diego**, California—a wonderful West Coast destination—for the Feast this year. In addition, there remains plenty of room at all remaining U.S./North American Feast sites.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

Join us this Friday evening, April 20, for our "Friday Night Live" webcast Bible study, which will begin at 8 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (7 p.m. Central, 6 p.m. Mountain and 5 p.m. Pacific).

This month's study, presented by Clyde Kilough, is titled "Countering the Culture of Criticism."

"My soul is among lions; I lie among the sons of men who are set on fire, whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword." What? Were memes and social media, politicians and commentators around back in David's time too? People have always been snarky, negative and quick to find fault, but it seems that what David described 3,000 years ago in Psalm 57:4 is now worse than ever! The culture of criticism is insidious, eroding basic values of Christianity, and at times it has damaged our relationships as brothers and sisters. This study focuses on resisting this mind-set, because if we don't counter it, we'll get caught up in it.

Please join Clyde Kilough as we explore specific ways to counter the culture of criticism. That's this Friday evening, April 20, at 8 p.m. Eastern time, for Friday Night Live.