



ANNOUNCEMENTS

for January 24, 2020

Parkersburg & Morgantown, WV and Athens, OH

Greetings everyone:

We are already getting closer to the date for our annual auction in Morgantown and Athens-Parkersburg. It is always interesting to see the unusual items that are up for sale at the auction. The Morgantown Auction is scheduled to be held on Saturday evening, February 29th.

See the attached file for details on a trip to Israel in 2021. Cheryl and I visited Israel a few years ago. It is inspiring to sit on the steps at the entrance to the temple that Jesus probably walked on. Also, seeing the garden tomb and other sites is interesting. This will be the first time that a Spanish speaking guide will be used. Another interesting place to visit is Hezekiah's tunnel. They still do not know how they were able to dig from both ends of the tunnel and meet in the middle. Remember, they did not have the technology we have today. See the information table for more details.

Cheryl and I plan to be in Belpre tomorrow.

Bill Jahns

<http://parkersburg.cogwa.org/uploads/Jan2020Calendar.jpg>

<http://parkersburg.cogwa.org/uploads/January--March 2020 Speaking Schedule Final.pdf>

<http://parkersburg.cogwa.org/uploads/MemberLetterJan-9-2020.pdf>

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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.

SCHEDULE

Morgantown Auction – Saturday evening, February 29th

Parkersburg Auction—Saturday evening, March 7th

FI to Sponsor Spanish and English Educational Tour of Israel in 2021

Foundation Institute is currently planning our next travel education tour to Israel, tentatively scheduled from June 1-8, 2021. We are excited to announce that, for the first time in our history, we are offering a bilingual tour of Israel in both Spanish and English.

Our plan is to have one 48-passenger coach for Spanish-speaking brethren (which will be led by a Spanish-speaking Israeli guide and include Spanish-speaking ministers) and a second 48- passenger coach operating in English. Both coaches will visit the same sites. We will all stay in the same hotels; we will share meals together; and we will hold Sabbath services together in Spanish with English translation for those who need it. As one young man put it, we will have one English-language coach and one fiesta coach.

All are welcome to apply, but because of the unique nature of this bilingual tour, we must give priority to certain applicants. First priority will be given to those from Latin America who speak only Spanish. If we have additional room on that coach, we will next give priority to those from other areas who speak both Spanish and English. Finally, we will fill out the English-language coach with those who speak only English. In all cases we will give priority to those who are participating for the first time.

We will offer multiple travel options for our brethren traveling from Latin America. We are too far out from the travel date to announce a firm cost, but we estimate that we will be able to offer prices similar to our past Israel trips (see estimated pricing in the attached fact sheet).

The trip will follow an itinerary similar to our past education 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 professionally trained Israeli guides. There will also be on-site lectures from FI instructors and ministers, as well as Sabbath services in Jerusalem. For those interested in this trip, please consider that by early June, it becomes very hot and dry in Israel, and there is a great deal of walking over uneven ground in these trips. If the heat or walking would be a problem for you, this trip would probably be too physically demanding.

Please refer to the attached fact sheet for more information and instructions on how to register for this trip.

We hope you will consider this exciting opportunity! David

Johnson and Erik Jones