



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**for March 20, 2020**

### **Parkersburg & Morgantown, WV and Athens, OH**

Greetings again:

It has been a very busy week. Changes in the schedule for Sabbath Services and the Passover have been made. See below for more information about Sabbath Services and the Holy Days.

In the attached file is the latest copy of instructions for taking the Passover at home. I will be conducting the Passover from our home by webcast on Tuesday, April 7th. Time: 8:00 PM.

We had a webinar from Headquarters last week. Mr. Franks emphasized that we should be following the guidelines given during this time. The Bible tells us to isolate those who have diseases in order to protect others.

Tomorrow a webcast from COGWA is scheduled to start at 1:00 PM. See below for instructions on how to see the webcast or use the telephone to hear the sermon.

If you have any questions feel free to email me or call.

Have a good Sabbath!

Bill Jahns

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[http://parkersburg.cogwa.org/uploads/2020-03-March\\_Calendar.jpg](http://parkersburg.cogwa.org/uploads/2020-03-March_Calendar.jpg)

[http://parkersburg.cogwa.org/uploads/January--March\\_2020\\_Speaking\\_Schedule\\_Final.pdf](http://parkersburg.cogwa.org/uploads/January--March_2020_Speaking_Schedule_Final.pdf)

<http://parkersburg.cogwa.org/uploads/Member-Letter-Mar-5-2020.pdf>

[http://parkersburg.cogwa.org/uploads/2021\\_Israel\\_Trip\\_Announcement.pdf](http://parkersburg.cogwa.org/uploads/2021_Israel_Trip_Announcement.pdf)

<http://parkersburg.cogwa.org/uploads/FOI-Volunteer-Application-2020.pdf>

<http://parkersburg.cogwa.org/uploads/Fact-Sheet--English-Project--Zimbabwe-2020.pdf>

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## **LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS    03/20/2020    Sunset: Parkersburg: 7:39 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.coqwa.org/>

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

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### **PASSOVER GUIDELINES**

Households taking the Passover: Our recommendation is that each family household partake of the Passover in their home. We do not recommend families getting together to take the Passover. The exception would be where it's necessary to assist an elderly person or a couple in need. If members choose to have others outside their family, such as a single person or a member whose spouse is not in the Church, they should be aware of the current guidelines for gatherings as recommended by the CDC, which currently limits gatherings to 10 or fewer.

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### **Night to Be Much Observed:**

Due to the contact and hygiene concerns, we advise against having large group plans for the Night to Be Much Observed. Some were planning congregational meals, and some were planning large-group restaurant meals. Given the CDC guidelines of limiting contact, we feel anyone who has such plans should make other arrangements. Our recommendation is for families to have a special evening and meal together on that occasion

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### **SABBATH WEBCAST & PHONE HOOKUP INFORMATION**

Time: 1 PM March 21st, 2020

Dial-in Number: 712-432-0075

Participant Code: 867195

You can access the webcast from headquarters simply by going to COGWA.TV.

No password is necessary. It will also be available on your ROKU channel.

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## **SCHEDULE**

### **Passover**

**Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> Webcast Time: 8:00 PM**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Day of Unleavened Bread**

**Webcast – From COGWA Time: 1 PM**

**Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**

### **7<sup>th</sup> Day of Unleavened Bread**

**Webcast – From COGWA Time: 1 PM**

**Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**

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## **FOUNDATION INSTITUTE**

The faculty and administration of Foundation Institute are excited to announce our ninth annual Summer Continuing Education program.

This year we will be able to offer two one-week sessions, the first from June 8-12 and the second from July 13-17. Since we are using our new classroom facility, we will be able to accommodate up to 48 students for each session, so we believe we will have adequate room for any who wish to attend.

The tuition for each one-week session is \$75 per person or \$125 per couple, and this includes all instructional materials and a light lunch each day. We also plan to work with local hotels to offer special rates for housing in the immediate area.

Details about classes and instructors will be announced later, but we need your help in planning and preparing. Registration for the Summer Continuing Education classes will open at 10 a.m. Central time on Sunday, March 22. At that time you may go to the [foundationinstitute.org](http://foundationinstitute.org) website, click on the "Continuing Education" tab, and complete and submit the registration form. You will be able to indicate which session you wish to attend or if you are able to attend either session. By Friday, March 27, we will send an email to notify you whether you have been accepted or placed on a waiting list. Once you receive your acceptance email, you may send in your tuition to confirm your reservation.

Thanks for your interest and help. We look forward to hearing from you and welcoming you to this year's Summer Continuing Education program.

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## Camp Application System Opens

For the past several months, we have been working toward a new application system for COGWA Youth Camps that will integrate with our database system. We are now happy to announce that the system will open at 10 a.m. Central Daylight Time on Sunday, March 15, at which time you can start applying for our 2020 camps.

You will start at the same place you've always gone—the COGWA Portal. When you log into the account, you will see the CYC application notice at the bottom left of your screen. To this point, everything will look the same. However, when you click on the “Apply” button, you will notice things starting to change.

The instructions in the blue box above your list of household members will be much larger with a lot more detailed instructions. We encourage you to read everything in that blue box **very carefully!** You will note several important points, including the following highlights:

- There are new forms spread across several pages and very little will be “pre-populated” (automatically filled in), so you will have to enter a lot of information for each household member this year.
- However, once you have entered that information for an applicant, applying for a second camp will be very quick. Whatever you entered will pre-populate any subsequent 2020 camp application—for that applicant.
- Please note, this will apply for **each household member individually.**
- This system will require you to upload a photo with **each application,** so you will need to have handy a recent full-face digital photo (taken within the last three months) to upload with each application.

We understand this will take a little more time this year, but it will allow us to pull that data into our new system to be able to pre-populate additional applications. The system is new, and though we have tested it extensively, it is quite possible that we may need to make a minor tweak here or there. Once we have this year's data and are comfortable with how the system is working, we will be able to address how much we can pre-populate forms for everyone next year.

We appreciate your patience in working with this new system. If you have any trouble or questions, you can contact us at [registration@cogwa.org](mailto:registration@cogwa.org), and we'll be happy to assist you.

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