



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**for April 17, 2020**

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

Greetings again:

We are weeks into the coronavirus problem and still do not know exactly how long we will have to limit travel and stay in our homes. Just a few weeks ago we could not have guessed how much damage this virus problem would cause. There are plans now to start the economy going again in the near future. It remains to be seen when we will be able to meet again for Sabbath Services. See below for the latest announcements from COGWA.

This evening at 7:00 PM we are planning some "Fellowship" time on freeconferencecall.com. The phone number and URL are the same as for the Sabbath Services tomorrow. Sabbath Services are scheduled for tomorrow at 10:30 AM. If everything works OK, Mr. Sproul will be giving a sermonette tomorrow.

Everything seemed to go OK for the registration for the Feast of Tabernacles. If you have any problems contact either Dave Beilstein or Glen Alleman.

There will be a webcast from COGWA at 1:00 PM tomorrow. See below for the details.

Have a great 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)

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## **LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS    04/17/2020    Sunset: Parkersburg: 8:06 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.

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## **SCHEDULE**

### **LOCAL SABBATH WEBCAST FROM COGWA & PHONE HOOKUP INFORMATION**

**Time: 10:30 AM April 18, 2020**

#### **WEBCAST INSTRUCTIONS**

**Online meeting ID: jahnsy1**

**Join the online meeting: <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/jahnsy1>**

**Telephone: 725 735-9529 No code needed**

#### **SABBATH SERVICES**

**Time: 1:00 PM, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**From McKinney**

**Dial-in Number: 605-472-5473, and the participant code is 130095**

**You can access the webcast from headquarters simply by going to [COGWA.TV](http://COGWA.TV).**

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

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## Coronavirus (COVID-19) Weekly Update – April 16, 2020

### Sabbath services—April 18 and 25

- On April 4, U.S. pastors began webcasting entire services or sermons to their congregations. Congregations that are hosting webcasts have their information posted in alphabetical order on [cogwa.tv](http://cogwa.tv). If your church area is not listed, contact your pastor to receive information about your local webcast.
- We are also webcasting a full Sabbath service (hymns, sermonette or split sermon, announcements, sermon) from headquarters at 12 p.m. Central Daylight Time on [cogwa.tv](http://cogwa.tv) and [Roku](https://www.roku.com).
- All local services will be held either before or after the webcast from headquarters, so there will be no scheduling conflict. As of April 2, 21 church areas are webcasting in the afternoon and 19 in the morning.

### Connecting to the headquarters webcast

You can access the webcast simply by going to [cogwa.tv](http://cogwa.tv) (no password necessary) or your [Roku](https://www.roku.com) channel. We will also be providing simultaneous translations in [Spanish](#) and in [French](#) (also available on [cogwa.tv](http://cogwa.tv) and [Roku](https://www.roku.com)).

### COGWA Youth Camps Video

The COGWA Youth Camps 2020 video presentation that was played during the headquarters webcast on April 11 is now posted on the CYC web page ([camps.cogwa.org](http://camps.cogwa.org)). We hope everyone will tune in to view this short but encouraging seven-minute video about our youth camps and plans for this coming summer.

### Festival registration update

Registration for the 2020 Feast of Tabernacles opened on Sunday, April 12, at 10 a.m. Eastern time.

Two U.S. Feast sites—Park City, Utah, and Tucson, Arizona—are now closed due to having reached capacity. Since we have many more registered for Tucson than we can accommodate, sometime next week (April 19-25) we will contact those who registered for Tucson but were past the limit about the need to select a different Feast site.

We ask that all COGWA households, whether attending in the U.S. or internationally, please complete the online Festival registration. If adult members in one household are attending different sites, you will need to register individually. We also ask that those not attending please register as well by selecting NOT ATTENDING as their site choice. This gives us more accurate figures for planning.

You can register by clicking on the “Registration” button at [feast.cogwa.org](http://feast.cogwa.org). (Or you can go directly to [portal.cogwa.org/acct](http://portal.cogwa.org/acct) if you already know where you want to attend.) The email address of the registrant will be used to identify that person’s or family’s registration account.

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.

## **Friday Night Live**

Join us this Friday evening, April 17, 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 Joel Meeker, is titled, "Matthew 18: A Practical Guide to 'Going to Your Brother.'"

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone." So said Jesus in Matthew 18:15. But going to a brother can be intimidating, confusing and risky. How can the Bible help us succeed in fulfilling this fraternal responsibility? Here is a step-by-step approach that even a brother would love.

## **Sabbath services in May**

As we have learned in the last few weeks, everything is quite unpredictable in this situation. But we have made contingency plans for May and will be prepared for continuing as we are or making applicable changes. We will keep you informed.

## **Rights to privacy**

The Church's long-standing policy is that pastors should not share prayer requests about any member's health situation unless the member who is ill gives specific permission and makes such a request. Federal law (HIPAA) also prohibits this for a number of people in various professions. We urge all members to be mindful of that guideline as well. Even though we are well-meaning, we should respect people's right to privacy and their right to be the first to disclose their personal health information at the time and in the manner of their choosing. This is especially applicable during this time of uncertainty with COVID-19. If there is a situation where some confusion or uncertainty exists on the part of the member and/or pastor, the pastor is encouraged to contact Ministerial Services for advice.

## **Office update**

The office is temporarily closed, and employees are working from home, with the exception that we are allowed to have people on-site to prepare for and conduct video or teleconference services. We continue to monitor local regulations and will abide by the governmental directives to do our part in stopping the spread of the virus.