



ANNOUNCEMENTS

for June 12, 2020

Parkersburg & Morgantown, WV and Athens, OH

Greetings everyone:

We met last week for the first time since March in Athens and Morgantown. The fellowship was good and we appreciated the opportunity to be together again. The number of cases of Covid-19 remains low in our area. Hopefully, we can return to the Senior Citizens Center in Belpre soon. We have reserved the Holiday Inn room in Athens through August. Morgantown will continue to meet at the Brookhaven Hall. An announcement about the cancelling of youth camps this year is below. It seems that many of the restrictions that are presently in place will continue for some time.

When attending church please remember to safely space between yourself and others. The guidelines are in the attached file. These guidelines will probably be in place for some time. Also, we need to leave church within one half hour of the end of services.

We will be webcasting from the COGWA.TV from now on. The URL is: <http://cogwa.tv/webcasts/parkersburg> If you need the password you can call Lynn Alleman at 304-482-4207. You can also email me and request the PW if you wish. The webcast is scheduled to come from Athens.

A Bible Study is scheduled at Jean Francis' on Wednesday, June 17th. Time: 1:00 PM.

Also, if you need assistance for the FOT be sure to check with your local Festival Advisor. See below for more details.

Cheryl and I plan to be in Morgantown tomorrow.

Have a great Sabbath!

Bill Jahns

Pastor Morgantown & Athens-Parkersburg!

http://parkersburg.cogwa.org/uploads/Member_Letter_Jun_4_2020.pdf

http://parkersburg.cogwa.org/uploads/Athens-Parkesburg--Morgantown_Speaking_Schedule--May_2020_Final.pdf

http://parkersburg.cogwa.org/uploads/Announcements_and_Updates_from_MN2020-05-29.pdf

http://parkersburg.cogwa.org/uploads/Member_Guidelines--Returning_to_Services_-_Copy.pdf

LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS 06/12/2020 Sunset: Parkersburg: 8:53 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.

LOCAL SABBATH WEBCAST FROM COGWA & PHONE HOOKUP INFORMATION

Time: 10:30 AM June 13, 2020

WEBCAST INSTRUCTIONS

Online meeting ID: jahnsy1

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

Telephone: 725 735-9529 No code needed

Festival Assistance Application Announcement

Each year many faithful brethren donate extra funds from their Festival tithe so that other needy members can receive the financial assistance they need to attend the Feast of Tabernacles. Last year these generous contributions enabled nearly 200 people to attend the Feast who would have been unable to attend otherwise. The Church recognizes its responsibility to see that those contributions are distributed fairly and equitably.

If you have no tithable income or if you have faithfully saved your Festival tithe and will still not have sufficient funds to attend the Feast this year, we will be happy to help where we can. If you think you will need additional funds to be able to attend the Feast this fall, please contact our local Festival advisor, **David Beilstein, Glen Alleman**, or your pastor to get a *Festival Assistance Member Information* form. Complete the form and return it to your pastor or festival advisor as soon as possible. (All information on the form will be treated as confidential.)

Ministerial Services has asked us to have all assistance applications turned in by July 13, so please pick up the form and return it to your congregation's Festival advisor or your pastor as quickly as possible.

Again, Festival financial assistance is available for those who do not have a tithable income and for those who do not have adequate funds to attend the Feast even though they have faithfully saved their Festival tithe.

Camp Cancellation Announcement:

The COGWA administration has had ongoing discussions with our CYC camp directors for the last few months, striving to take into consideration all the factors that might affect our ability to effectively run our summer camps. As all are aware, we made the decision earlier to cancel our June camps due to the restrictions that came about from the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the weeks that followed, the camp directors continued to study the situation and evaluate the protocols that would be required if we sponsored our camps. The camp team met again with the administration this past week, on June 3, to discuss our ability to run our camp programs in light of the current community standards and guidelines required of overnight (residential) camps.

Unfortunately, we find that the restrictions that caused us to cancel our June camps are still in place and will likely be so throughout the summer. As such, it seemed unreasonable to the administration and the camp directors to attempt to run our camps amid restrictions requiring social distancing, face coverings, disinfection protocols, transportation restrictions etc. Sadly, this realization necessitates the cancellation of our remaining summer camps.

While this is disappointing to us all—especially our campers—our camp directors will do their best to provide a virtual program that will help to fill the void left by cancellation of our summer camps. Listen for announcements on this as the summer progresses. We would add that we are still planning to host our CYC Winter Camp in late December and are looking forward to a dynamic and exciting camp program in the summer of 2021.

We have appreciated your prayers about this decision and feel that God has led us to the wisest choice at this time.