



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**for August 14, 2020**

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

Greetings everyone:

It has been another busy week as we are getting closer to the Holy Days. See below for announcements about keeping the Holy Days this year. It will indeed be different. There will be only one service on each of the Holy Days this year. The speaking schedules for the FOT had to be changed because there will be no overseas travel this year during the Feast.

Next week a Bible Study is scheduled at Jean Francis' residence. Time: 1:00 PM on Monday August 17th. Also the picnics in Morgantown and Athens-Parkersburg are later this month. See below for details.

Nothing has changed as far as the rules concerning face masks.

Cheryl and I plan to be in Marietta tomorrow.

Have a great Sabbath.

Bill Jahns

Pastor Morgantown & Athens-Parkersburg

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## **LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS    08/15/2020    Sunset: Parkersburg: 8:22 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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### **LOCAL SABBATH WEBCAST & PHONE HOOKUP INFORMATION**

**Time: 10:30 AM August 15, 2020**

#### **WEBCAST INSTRUCTIONS**

**Online meeting ID: jahnsy1**

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

**PHONE #: (725) 735-9529 No code needed.**

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#### **SCHEDULE**

Jean Francis – Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM (Bible Study)

Picnic - Morgantown, Dorsey Knob Park, 11 AM, August 23<sup>rd</sup>

Picnic-Athens-Parkersburg, 11 AM August 30<sup>th</sup>, (Travers residence)

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### **FEAST OF TABERNACLES ANNOUNCEMENT**

The year 2020 has been a tremendous challenge that none of us could have foreseen. The impact of the pandemic has presented us with obstacles we never could have imagined. However, with God's help, we've been able to meet those challenges and move forward.

Now, with less than eight weeks until the Feast of Tabernacles, we've come to understand that none of the Feast sites outside of the United States will be able to host American members this year. Those brethren from the U.S. who have registered for the Caribbean; France; Quebec; Victoria, B.C.; the U.K.; South Africa; the Philippines; Australia; New Zealand; and other international site will need to change their plans.

It also looks as if all of our Latin American sites will only be able to host the Feast for brethren from their own countries—tourists from outside will not be allowed.

We are preparing all of our sites to make the necessary changes and adjustments to hall attendance and meeting protocols, as required by state and local COVID-19 orders. Yet we realize that some of our brethren within the United States are wanting to reduce their domestic travel, as well.

Because of these changes in international travel and restrictions within the United States, we know that many of you are having to change your Feast travel plans for 2020. As a result, we **need your assistance** so that we can provide the safest environment for God's people to keep the Feast this year.

On **Sunday, Aug. 16, an email** will be sent to all U.S. members who have registered for the Feast. The email will include a link to a three-question survey for you to confirm your plans for observing the Feast this year. We ask that all members complete the survey before midnight, Wednesday, Aug. 19.

One of the questions you will be asked is whether, due to concerns about travel, etc., you and your family now desire to attend your local assigned site. Please know that even if your local assigned site is currently "closed," you still can choose that option.

Since the impacts of the COVID-19 virus have been changing from week to week, we are doing our very best to prepare for keeping the Feast at the 11 regular and satellite sites throughout the U.S. The plan for keeping the Feast at these various sites includes the component of offering live webcasting of services for days when members may not be able to attend in person.

It is very important that each member/registrant complete this survey. The data generated from this email survey will provide needed information to ensure our members have seating available when they attend in-person services. Therefore, as a registered Feast attendee, it is imperative that you fill out this survey when you receive it.

Because we will need this information very soon, we ask that you complete the survey by **no later than Wednesday, Aug. 19.**

Thank you very much for your kind help.

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## **FEAST ANNOUNCEMENT**

We plan to offer in-person services every day during the Feast at most U.S. Feast sites. However, a few sites (Orange Beach, Myrtle Beach and possibly one or two others) will likely require that in-person attendance be alternated every other day. For these sites, the worst-case scenario for all members would be attending one in-person service on both the first holy day and the Last Great Day and then, for the remaining six days, alternating between attending in person and viewing the webcast from one's accommodations. This means all attendees will have at least five occasions during the Feast when they will be able to attend in-person services. And at all of our remaining sites, we plan to offer in-person services every day during the Feast.

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