



ANNOUNCEMENTS

for May 7, 2021

Parkersburg & Morgantown, WV and Athens, OH

Greetings everyone:

It has been a busy week for the Jahns family. It is amazing how many things we accumulate over the years. We had a difficult time getting everything set up for the movers who came on Wednesday. They did finish by Thursday evening. The phone number I will be using now is 281-210-8230. We will be staying at the Comfort Inn in Marietta.

Be sure to read Mr. Franks letter in the attached file. He discusses the plan to start the International Leadership Program in November. Hopefully the COVID situation will be improved even more by then.

See below for the announcements about Pentecost.

Cheryl and I plan to be in Morgantown tomorrow.

Have a great Sabbath!

Bill Jahns

Pastor Morgantown & Athens-Parkersburg

[Member Letter May 6 2021](#)

[FOT Registration Announcements 2021.pdf](#)

LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS 4/30/2021 Sunset: Parkersburg: 8:16 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 & PHONE HOOKUP INFORMATION

Time: 10:30 AM May 8, 2021

WEBCAST INSTRUCTIONS

Online meeting ID: jahnsy1

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

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

SCHEDULE

Pentecost – Sunday May 16th

Morgantown Services – 2:00 PM, Brookhaven

Athens-Parkersburg – 10:30 AM, Holiday Inn, Athens

Yard Sale – Athens, Sunday, June 13th

Morgantown Picnic – Sunday, May 20th

Volunteering to Serve at the Feast

Members can now sign up to serve at the Feast. We deeply appreciate all who have volunteered to serve at the Feast in the past since we rely heavily on volunteers to help make each Feast site run smoothly for everyone.

Go to your account in the COGWA Portal, click on the “gear” icon by your Feast registration, and then click on the orange button for service and music. Click inside the large box for service and/or for music to get a list of items you can sign up for. Please be patient after clicking as it sometimes takes a few seconds for the lists to appear. Each type of service or music you add will open another set of options below the large box. When you have entered all your information be sure to click on the green “Update Service & Music” button to save your selections. Simply close the browser window once the information is updated. You can go back to modify your information at any time and that data will stay in the system for next year.

We thank you all in advance for your service at the Feast of Tabernacles! as possible.

FESTIVAL REGISTRATION

Festival Registration

As you know, Festival registration began this past Sunday, April 25, for those wanting to transfer for the Feast of Tabernacles this year. We do realize that the first 10 minutes or so of the registration was interrupted by an overload of traffic to the server, for which we do apologize. We also understand that some who wanted to change their registrations were unable to do so online—and we are attempting to address that for those who were affected.

We do appreciate your patience in our efforts to make the registration process as smooth and equitable as possible.

Camp Announcements

Camp Applications

We have great news for those interested in attending camp this year. The camp application system is now open! Simply go to the website (camps.cogwa.org/) and click the “Apply” button on the navigation bar at the top of the page.

This year we faced a number of challenges in opening the system for applications, including working around complications from COVID as well as a complete overhaul of our waiver documents by an outside expert attorney. The last of the waiver documentation is still not connected to the application system, but with just six weeks before our first preteen camp starts, we simply could not wait any longer.

Please go ahead and register now, and the camp directors will send you a link later for the waiver, so be sure to complete that step when you receive that email with the link. The directors will need that electronically signed document before they can actually accept anyone, but having applications will allow them to start firming up their plans for a wonderful camp season this year!

COVID restrictions are beginning to change in a number of ways, and this week the camp team will be discussing changes to our COVID protocols as well. We will be sure to notify you when those protocol changes are finalized and posted on the camp website.

Alert Regarding Application Process

Several people have noticed that if they allow their browser to autofill some fields, the browser will also go back and change the name of the applicant anywhere the “First Name” field appears. Please be extra careful if you choose to allow your browser to do an autofill. Go back to page 1 and make sure the applicant name is still correct. That will save you some possible frustration with the system!

We also want to remind you to have everything ready when you start your application. Once you start an application, it must be completed and submitted in order to save the data you entered. Please also note that it can take up to a minute for the application to be saved once you click the “Submit” button. A lot of communication has to take place between the COGWA Portal and our database in order for the data to be saved in all the correct places, so please be patient and do not close your browser until the submission is complete.

Camp Safety Protocols

The camp team is dedicated to finding ways to have normal camps this year. While some might see our protocols as over-the-top in some areas, others would see them as inadequate. It has been challenging to try to establish something safe and reasonable for all our camps. But we’ve looked to what worked successfully in other camps last year and are keeping up with updates in the science.

Recently, there have been some changes on the CDC and WHO websites, as well as new scientific data posted on the National Institutes of Health website, and the camp team is relaxing some of their protocols based on those recent changes.

Specifically, we have made several changes to what will be accepted as proof of coming to camp virus-free. Options now include (1) having a PCR or rapid antigen test, (2) being fully vaccinated or (3) having documented proof of recovery from COVID well before camp. All of these items are now being accepted by airlines as proof of being free of the virus or having immunity through antibodies—either those generated by vaccines or those made by your own God-designed healthy immune system. There are some specific documentation requirements on each of these. More details are provided in the update.

Please read the update on the camp website by clicking on the COVID tab in the top navigation bar. There is a link to the news feed with the full announcement. There is also a link to the full updated document with all the details. For the safety of everyone, we want to make sure that all who apply for camp are fully aware of what will be expected of them before they come to camp. If things change again as we get into the summer, we will be sure to notify you.
