



Bentonville, Van Buren and Mena, AR

May 9, 2020

Speakers

Local Webcast –

9:30 am (cogwa.tv/webcasts/bentonville)

Sermonette: Larry Caldwell

Sermon: Tom Clark

Webcast from Headquarters – 12:00

Upcoming Events

May 31 – Pentecost

Sunset time is for Alma, Arkansas

Sunset tonight

8:09 pm

Sunset next Friday

8:14 pm

Announcements

Sabbath services in May: For the next few weeks, we will continue webcasting services as we have since March 14:

- Congregations that are hosting webcasts have their information posted in alphabetical order on cogwa.tv. If your church area is not listed, contact your pastor to receive information about your local webcast. **Our local webcast of services will continue to be at 9:30 am.**
- We are also webcasting a full Sabbath service from headquarters at 12 p.m. Central Daylight Time. You can access the headquarters webcast simply by going to cogwa.tv (no password necessary) or your [Roku](#) channel. We will also be providing simultaneous translations in [Spanish](#) and in [French](#) (also available on cogwa.tv and [Roku](#)). For those calling in, the dial-in number is **605-472-5473**, and the participant code is **130095**.

Plans for resuming Sabbath services: In the announcements section of Sabbath services this week, May 2, Ministerial Services operation manager Doug Horchak will explain when and under what conditions we plan to have congregations resume meeting for weekly services. Circumstances will vary from place to place and country to country, of course, but we do have an overall strategy and principles in place to guide the ministry and members in deciding when and how to start meeting together again.

Locally it has been determined that provided the situation continues to improve, and local government agencies allow for it, we would like to begin meeting once again for Sabbath services on Sabbath of June 6th. More details and information will be forthcoming, but for now that is the tentative date we will be planning for.

Pentecost services: Pentecost services will be held in the same manner as we did for the two holy days of Unleavened Bread. We will have one service webcast from Headquarters beginning at 12 noon. All the connection information is the same as it has been.

COGWA Youth Camps announcement: For the past several weeks, our camp directors have been monitoring the conditions that might affect our ability to hold COGWA Youth Camps this summer. Many factors affect our ability to host these camps, including facility availability, social-distancing requirements, group-size restrictions and registration numbers—not to mention the safety and welfare of our children and staff members.

As a result, we have determined that it is necessary to cancel our five preteen camps scheduled to take place during the month of June—Camp Lone Star in Texas, Camp Sequoia (preteen) in California, Camp Chattahoochee in Georgia, Camp Cherokee in Arkansas, and Camp Lebanon in Minnesota. While it is disappointing, we feel that this decision—made out of an abundance of caution—is best for these early camps. In lieu of the full camp experience, COGWA Youth Camps will develop online activities and classes (by early July) that will help fill that gap left by missing out on camp this summer.

At this juncture, we are still planning to run all of our teen camps, which run from late July through mid-August. We also are still planning for our preteen Camp Arrowhead in Ohio, which is scheduled for August.

We hope you will do your best to encourage these preteens and help them find positive outlets for their energy and enthusiasm this summer. We will continue to monitor the situation and inform you of any other changes with the remaining camps.

Festival registration update: As we announced last week, we have three Feast sites that are now closed: Park City, Utah; Orange Beach, Alabama; and Tucson, Arizona.

For those who have yet to do so, we strongly encourage all of our members to register as soon as possible, as this assists us in our Festival planning.

Completing your Festival registration: Some members registered for their Feast site, but have not completed the process by providing the names of family members and volunteer information, which helps us with our planning.

The FOT registration includes two steps: 1) **FOT Registration** to register the household and 2) **FOT Household Attendees** to set up the household members who will be attending the site. Some members have registered for their Feast site, but missed completing the FOT Household Attendees step and do not have any household members set up. The attached document shows how you can add household members to your registration, if you have not already done so.

Feast of Tabernacles housing reservations: Those going to U.S. Feast sites can begin making housing reservations on Monday, May 11.

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