



Bentonville, Van Buren and Mena, AR

July 4, 2020

Speakers

Upcoming Events

Van Buren Sermonette: Larry Caldwell
Sermon: Tom Clark

Today – Regular services – all three
Congregations!

Bentonville Sermonette: Nathan Froedge
Sermon: Tom Clark

Mena Webcast from Bentonville

Sunset time is for Alma, Arkansas	
Sunset tonight	8:36 pm
Sunset next Friday	8:36 pm

Announcements

Virtual Teen Camp (VTC) Announcement: All aboard the S.S. Virtual Teen Camp Program! We are pleased to announce that we will start taking applications at 9 a.m. Central time on Sunday, July 5. The link to applications will be available from the top of the camp website home page: camps.cogwa.org/. We welcome applications from any teenager who is interested in embarking on a weeklong virtual expedition (beginning on Sunday, July 26) to learn what it means to be firmly anchored in God’s Word.

Please note: Since we will be collecting personal contact information for minors, we must also have the contact information for a parent or guardian to obtain a release for that information.

There will be four regions to select from during the application process: West, Central, Southeast and Northeast. Each camper should apply for a first and a second option since we are limited in the size for each group. The program will feature daily Compass Checks, Christian Living classes, a Bible Q&A, online activities and, of course, opportunities for fellowship.

Since we know some of our teens have summer jobs, a link to the Compass Checks will be sent each day over social media along with a daily Bible verse and a reminder of what’s coming that evening. Christian Living classes, the Bible Q&A and fellowship opportunities via Zoom breakout rooms will be available each evening at times that are convenient based on each group’s time zone. To cap off the week, we will be webcasting an “end of camp” Sabbath service on the Sabbath of Aug. 1, starting at 12 noon Eastern (9 a.m. Pacific).

“Deck hands” needed

Just as we would if we were hosting an in-person camp, we are asking for “all hands on deck!” We are particularly in need of experienced young adult camp staff members. If you are interested in assisting with the day-to-day operations of the virtual program—working with technology, acting as a breakout room moderator, assisting with social media postings, etc., we encourage you to submit a staff application and mark your area(s) of preference. We acknowledge the contributions camp personnel have made in the experiences of our campers, and we appreciate in advance your willingness to serve.

We look forward to “sail-ebrating” good times with all of you!

Virtual Preteen Camp Announcement: Anchors away! COGWA’s Virtual Preteen Camp is about to set sail! In place of our in-person preteen camps this summer, we are ready to launch our VPC—Virtual Preteen Camp. Interesting Christian Living classes; fun, do-at-home activities; video connections with friends; songs; dances; art; cooking and more will all be a part of this exciting camp program. On this voyage, which will officially begin on July 10, you will learn what it means to be firmly anchored to God and His way of life.

On three Fridays in July—July 10, 17 and 24—a Christian Living class and accompanying teaching tool will be released. You will be able to download these to use for a Sabbath activity. Then, each Sunday during this time five new activities will be unlocked for our preteens to participate in and enjoy at their convenience. Preteens will be able to post videos of themselves doing the activity or reporting to their friends about what they have accomplished! Full instructions will be emailed on July 6 to each family that registers.

VPC is specifically designed for our families who have preteens aged 6 to 12 in their household. There is no tuition fee, but you must register to participate! Registration will open on Sunday, June 21. Just click on the registration link below. Once registered, you will immediately receive a confirmation email. Be sure to check your spam folder if you don’t see the confirmation. Then on Monday, July 6, you will receive the instructional email, which will include the list of supplies you’ll want to have on hand as you sail into the camp program.

We look forward to seeing you on board! Register here: [COGWA’s VPC Registration](#)

Feast Assistance: 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, Dennis Fultz or Bill Gossett, 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.

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