



Midweek Meeting Announcements

Date: **September 1, 2022**

CBOE's Initials: JJ

NOTE: All announcements should first be approved by the Coordinator of the Body of Elders.
Please read these announcements to the congregation.

Please take note of the following announcements:

1. **Announcements and Reminders for September 2022:**

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2. **Letter from James Jackson, Our Previous Circuit Overseer:**

"Dear Brothers and Sisters:

What a blessing it was to be together these past few years, you made Lydia and I feel right at home. Your enthusiasm and deep love for the truth made our time together unforgettable. As a circuit family, no matter young or old, you have encouraged and supported us more than you know. Your words of encouragement, whether verbal or written have truly built us up (1Thess. 5:11). We have learned so much from you, such as: your faithfulness and loyalty to Jehovah, endurance in the Kingdom work and your resilience as Christians. For this and more we say thank you for taking us into your spiritual family.

Dear family, always remember, in Jehovah's Organization we never say good-bye but will see you later, because the Sovereign has purposed a bright future for his faithful servants! (Rev. 21:5)

Please keep up your fine work for our King Christ Jesus! May Jehovah "the God of love and peace" be with you (2Cor.13:11).

With love,

James & Lydia Jackson

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3. As a reminder, there will be no congregation meetings next week due to our circuit assembly on the weekend on JW Stream Studio. If you have not yet received the log in credentials from your group overseer, please reach out to him as soon as possible so you will be able to test ahead of time whether you will need to troubleshoot any problems. You may obtain a program for the assembly from JW Library or JW.ORG. Check the Information board and the E-Board for more information.

4. Field Service Arrangements:

[Announce any new or updated field service arrangements.]

5. Field Service Report:

Please remember to turn in your field service report for the month of August and for any missing months.

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6. Adjusted Field Ministry Arrangements:

Meetings for Field Service Locations:

- Groups 1, 2, 3, and 5 will meet in person at the Kingdom Hall.
- Group 4 will meet at Sister Janice Debnam's home
- Group 6 will meet at Brother James Williams' home

Meetings for Field Service Days and Times:

- Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9:30am at the Kingdom Hall
- Tuesday and Thursday: *Zoom* only (No in-person meeting for field service at the Kingdom Hall)
- Saturday: 9:30am (*Zoom* and in person at the Kingdom Hall—10:00am for group 3)
- Sunday: 10:00am (*Zoom* – until January 1, 2023)
- Evening Witnessing: Monday and Wednesday at 6:00pm (*Zoom* only - No in-person meeting)

Literature Display (Cart Witnessing) Days and Times at Approved Locations:

- Monday through Saturday: 8:00am to 10:00am | 10:00am to 12:00pm | 12:00pm to 2:00pm
- Sunday: 8:00am to 10:00am (until January 1, 2023)

7. New Publishers to Our Congregation:

This is to inform the congregation that we have 3 new publishers who have moved into our congregation.

- Brother John Devlin, who will be serving as an elder
- Sister Norma Woodson
- Sister Claudia Turner

This information will be posted on the E-Board so you can review these arrangements more closely. We do realize that there will be the need to make some adjustments along the way. We ask that all be patient as we navigate this together to get Jehovah's work done to his praise and satisfaction.

2023 Circuit Assembly Program with CO:

Information regarding our upcoming circuit assembly program on Saturday, September 10, 2022, on JW Stream Studio has been posted on the e-board under the "Events" tab. The login information will be provided to you within the next few days by means of your group overseer.

8. Announcements From the Branch Office:

July 29, 2022

1. Attending In-Person Meetings:

In reviewing the results of resuming in-person congregation meetings since April 1, 2022, it is evident that Jehovah is clearly blessing this arrangement. We thank Jehovah for the opportunity to greet our brothers and sisters face-to-face, sing songs of praise to Jehovah harmoniously, and make

other appropriate expressions of Christian affection once again. (Prov. 27:17, ftn.; Rom. 12:10; Eph. 5:19) After more than two years of not being able to meet together at our Kingdom Halls, we have renewed appreciation for in-person Christian meetings that lift our spirits and strengthen our faith during these difficult times.

2. We acknowledge that because of advanced age, infirmities, or other circumstances, some may be limited in their ability to attend meetings in person. For such ones, please keep in mind the loving reminder at Hebrews 6:10: “God is not unrighteous so as to forget your work and the love you showed for his name by ministering and continuing to minister to the holy ones.”

3. On the other hand, some brothers and sisters—younger and in good health—have more favorable circumstances that may allow them to attend Christian meetings regularly at the Kingdom Hall. However, it has been observed that some have developed a tendency to attend meetings on a videoconference when, according to their circumstances, they could be physically at the Kingdom Hall. If this is our situation, we can ask ourselves the soul-searching question, ‘Can I put forth greater effort to worship Jehovah in person?’

4. We capture a sense of Jehovah’s thinking on this important matter by reviewing the following scriptures:

- Psalm 22:22: “I will declare your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”
- 1 Corinthians 14:23: “The whole congregation comes together to one place . . .”
- 3 John 14: “I am hoping to see you soon, and we will speak face-to-face.”

5. We encourage you to consider prayerfully the aforementioned scriptures and to do research on this subject in our publications, perhaps during your next Family Worship or personal study session. Of course, each one should show balance, reasonableness, and love so that we do not unnecessarily put others at risk by attending meetings in person if we test positive for COVID-19, display cold or flu-like symptoms, or have recently been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19. Please contact the elders if you have questions in this regard.

6. If we are attending via videoconference (or by some other means), we should still view the meeting as part of our worship and sacred service. Remembering this should affect how we dress and act during a meeting, an assembly, or a convention. We need to ask ourselves: ‘Even if it is not possible for me to be physically at the Kingdom Hall, do I still show the same respect for the program? Are there ways that I can improve in this area?’

7. Strong faith and endurance are required to face deteriorating world conditions. So, we take this opportunity to warmly commend you dear brothers and sisters for your faithfulness, love, and heartfelt desire to praise our glorious God, Jehovah. We love you very much!—3 John 4.

9. August 2022 Announcements and Reminders

1. Worldwide Campaign in September 2022:

During September 2022, we will make a concerted effort earth wide to offer Bible studies to as many people as possible using the Enjoy Life Forever! brochure. We should offer Bible studies while engaging in various forms of our ministry. Publishers who wish to auxiliary pioneer in September may choose a 30-hour requirement.

2. Public Witnessing Posters: New public witnessing posters have been produced to advertise our free Bible course. The posters advertise an in-person Bible course and a Bible course by videoconference. Posters have also been produced for sign languages.

3. Circuit Assembly Programs for the 2023 Service Year: Printed copies of circuit assembly programs for the 2023 service year will not be provided by the branch office. However, electronic copies are available on jw.org and in JW Library.

4. 2023 Memorial: On Tuesday, April 4, 2023, we will observe the Lord's Evening Meal. (Luke 22:19) No midweek meeting will be scheduled that week. Additionally, please note that the 2024 Memorial observance will be held on Sunday, March 24, 2024. The 2025 Memorial observance will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2025.

5. 2023 Special Public Talk: To generate enthusiasm for the Memorial, the 2023 special public talk will be presented the week before the Memorial, during the week of March 27, 2023. Congregations that have an assembly or the visit of the circuit overseer the week of March 27 will usually have the special talk one week earlier.

6. Resolved Monthly Donation to the Worldwide Work: For the upcoming service year, the congregation will be presented with a single resolution to donate a monthly amount to the worldwide work. The branch office uses worldwide work funds to support various activities that benefit congregations. Such activities include renovating and constructing Kingdom Halls and Assembly Halls; caring for incidents at theocratic facilities, including those involving natural disaster, fire, theft, or vandalism; and providing technology and related services.

7. Wisdom From the Gospels: There are many open-minded people who have not had the opportunity to become familiar with the Bible. Therefore, we are pleased to inform you that a new brochure entitled Wisdom From the Gospels will soon be available in various languages. This eight-page, text-only brochure contains the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew chapters 5-7). It is primarily for use in language fields with non-Christian populations, but it can be used in other fields as well. The brochure will be made available in print, digital, and audio formats.

8. 2023 Regional Conventions: As recently posted on jw.org, we are pleased to announce that the Governing Body has decided that, Jehovah willing, we will resume in-person regional conventions in 2023. Branches will now begin selecting venues. The dates will be announced in January 2023 or shortly thereafter. We pray for Jehovah's rich blessing to be with all those involved in the planning.

10. August 9, 2022, Announcement

1. Resuming In-Person House-to-House Ministry:

We are delighted to share the following news with you. On August 3, 2022, the Governing Body informed all Branch Committees that they may resume the in-person house-to-house ministry beginning September 1. After considering the local situation in our branch territory, we are pleased to provide the following direction that will be of assistance to you as you carry out your personal ministry.

2. All should use good judgment when deciding whether to wear a mask when witnessing in person. When you approach people in the ministry, we know you will continue to show due respect and consideration for their feelings and circumstances. This would include maintaining a discreet distance. This is in harmony with Jesus' words found at Matthew 7:12: "All things, therefore, that you want men to do to you, you also must do to them."

3. **Mask-Wearing at Congregation Meetings:** For the time being, we strongly encourage all to continue to wear a mask at congregation meetings.
