

A scenic view of a beach at sunset. The sky is filled with soft, pink and orange clouds. In the background, a city skyline is visible, nestled at the foot of dark, silhouetted mountains. The foreground shows a sandy beach with gentle waves lapping at the shore. A rocky breakwater extends into the water on the right side. A few people are walking along the beach near the water's edge.

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# From the President

Dear brethren,

When people from outside our organization express interest and then begin to observe the Feasts of the Lord enumerated in Leviticus 23 I become greatly encouraged at seeing them come to this understanding. Why? Because this reinforces God's revelation to me about His answers to the biggest questions of life. Most of humanity is unaware of these answers right now. The Feast of Tabernacles depicts a future time when the Kingdom of God is established on earth and God intervenes in the affairs of this out-of-control earth headed for oblivion.

Just recently I visited a church in Misiones, Argentina, that has become committed to the same belief we may have taken for granted. They found our understanding of the Feasts to be "spot on" in bringing God's realistic solutions to man's demise. They have started keeping the Feast of Tabernacles as an entire congregation and are building a site to house Feastgoers. I was so impressed by their enthusiastic, passionate spirit.

I hope that we, too, maintain the same spirit that we first had when we first heard about what these days mean.

Very few in the world really understand the connection between the observance of the Feast of Tabernacles and the return of Jesus Christ as King of Kings. When others "get this" I feel a special satisfaction and give thanks to God for His great love for mankind.

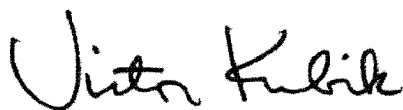
The logistics of observing the Feast of Tabernacles are described thus:

"And you shall eat before the LORD your God, in the place where He chooses to make His name abide, the tithe of your grain and your new wine and your oil, of the firstborn of your herds and your flocks, that you may learn to fear the LORD your God always. But if the journey is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, or if the place where the LORD your God chooses to put His name is too far from you, when the LORD your God has blessed you, then you shall exchange it for money, take the money in your hand, and go to the place which the LORD your God chooses. And you shall spend that money for whatever your heart desires: for oxen or sheep, for wine or similar drink, for whatever your heart desires; you shall eat there before the LORD your God, and you shall rejoice, you and your household" (Deuteronomy 14:23-27).

Please use this brochure to not only plan this year's Feast experience, but to reinforce what we have learned and plan to discuss these articles with your family as you make your specific plans for this year's Feast. This is a time that brings the entire family together. We bond with one another and worship together expressing joy and a sober understanding of what God is doing for us.

May God bless you and your household with a wonderful Feast of Tabernacles this year!

In Christ's service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Victor Kulik". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Victor" and last name "Kulik" clearly distinguishable.



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in the U.S. or Canada?

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E-mail [USFestival@ucg.org](mailto:USFestival@ucg.org)

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## Travel Options 2018 and Benefits

### Delta Airlines

The United Church of God can accumulate frequent flyer points in addition to your personal Skymiles with Delta. If you book online you can directly enter this code along with your Skymiles number. The code is US954529758. This code can be entered on any Delta flight you take. Look for the box to check that reads "My company is a Delta SkyBonus program member." This option is also available year-round for any Delta flight.

## How to Register for the Feast

All U.S., Canadian and Caribbean head-of-household members should register either directly online or through your congregation festival advisor.

### Applying to a Feast Site Outside the United States or Canada

- U.S., Canadian and Caribbean head-of-household members should register per the instructions below, plus directly apply to that site per the instructions given for that site.

### Applying to a U.S., Canadian or Caribbean Feast Site From Other Areas

- Members outside of the U.S., Canada, or Caribbean can apply online or contact their pastor to register.

### 1. Internet Online Registration

Registering online should take about 10 minutes.

If you are a head of household, you will be able to register for your entire family.

Go to the Feast website ([www.ucg.org/members/feast](http://www.ucg.org/members/feast)) and click on the Feast site you would like to register for. Then click on register. Registration starts on April 15.

### 2. Registration at Church April 21 and 28

Members who do not have computers or access to the Internet can register at church services. Please see the local festival advisor or pastor, who will provide you with a form to fill out. They will register online for you starting April 21.

# What Will You Take Home?

by Len Martin

While renovating my office this past year, I came across a box with many old photographs. It was interesting (and fun) to be reminded of various events in my past, but what really struck me is when I would come across a photograph of some event or location, but I could not even remember the photograph being taken! I was in it, I recognized the surroundings, I could even pinpoint the year and other people in the photo, but I could not remember the photo being taken. It made me realize just how easily we can forget so many events in our lives, unless we have something to remind us!

I've also never been a person who routinely buys souvenirs. Oh, on occasion I might buy something while taking a trip, but I've never been the type of person who makes it a point to collect a souvenir from every place I have visited. However, some people are able to pick up a souvenir from a place they have visited and then remember many little details of their trip.

Although the Feast of Tabernacles is a holy convocation and not a vacation, generally speaking most people do not have sufficient time off from their jobs to be afforded the luxury of attending the Feast and also have a separate vacation. Most people must use their accumulated "vacation time" in order to attend the Feast. So while this time might be a "vacation from work," it is not a "vacation from God." As a result, it becomes a balance of keeping God and His Feast of Tabernacles our priority, while still having a "vacation from work."

What are your favorite memories from the Feast of Tabernacles? What do you remember most? What will you remember this year? Are all your Feast memories merely "vacation memories?" Are the memories only about the places you have traveled, the sites you have seen and the souvenirs you have collected? What about the messages? Where do you keep those memories? How do you take those home?

While at the Feast you will listen to about 18 messages and also Bible studies. If you have attended the Feast for any number of years, you soon realize that the truth we have been blessed with comes with more understanding, and we build on that foundation of truth as we put it into practice in our lives. Notice Peter in his second epistle wrote that his letter was a reminder of things the brethren already knew. It was his intent to bring back to the forefront of their thinking truths which they may have forgotten or had not fully understood or comprehended (2 Peter 1:12-13). He clearly states the purpose for his



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*What will you take home with you from the Feast? Will it just be a souvenir or a closer relationship with God and Jesus Christ?*

letter was to stir them up "by remembrance"!

In the Parable of the Sower, Jesus explains the seed sown among thorns describes a person who hears the word, but the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches and the lusts of other things choke out the word and the person no longer bears any fruit in their lives (Mark 4:18-19).

Certainly the cares of our lives, whether it is education, career, family, hobbies or entertainment can consume all of our time, if we allow it. This is why Peter also said, "Give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall" (2 Peter 1:10, King James Version). Diligence means to exert one's self, to endeavor, to labor, to study. So then how can we be diligent while at the Feast?

This brings me to my second point. Write it down. If you don't take notes at church, I would highly recommend you start doing so. I have my sermon notebooks going back to 1988. I will periodically read through them to review sermon notes I had taken. Just like looking at an old photo, I am reminded of a lesson brought out in a sermon that I had forgotten over time.

I would even encourage you to write your notes out by hand rather than type your notes on a laptop or tablet. According to a

2014 study by researchers from Princeton and UCLA, students who wrote out their notes by hand actually learned more than those who typed their notes on laptops. The research showed students who used laptops did record more words than those writing out notes, but it was the "hand-writers" that wound up with a stronger understanding. Because taking notes by hand is slower, it requires different types of cognitive processing. So, because the student cannot possibly write down every word, they are inclined to listen, digest and summarize and thus tend to have better comprehension and retention.

There is something to what people often say: "If I don't write it down, I won't remember it!" So whether you choose to hand-write or not, that's up to you, but I encourage you to take notes.

So then, what will be your favorite memories from the 2018 Feast of Tabernacles? What will you remember most? Will all your Feast memories be only "vacation memories" about the places you have traveled, the sites you have seen and the souvenirs collected? Plan now so that the memories you take home will be the precious truths of God's plan that will be stirred up by way of remembrance in the messages you will hear.



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# Start Your Feast of Tabernacles Checklist Now!

*By Anthony Wasilkoff*

A checklist is a list of actions that are required, steps that need to be taken or points that need to be followed. Perhaps you have seen a pilot carrying a clipboard walking around his aircraft, meticulously checking point by point what needs to be examined and verified. If you are flying on that aircraft you are hoping that the pilot is thorough and not cutting corners and not being in a hurry in any way. You are willing to wait as long as it takes for him to do his job and do it well.

We can similarly use a checklist to observe this year's Feast of Tabernacles even though it is still months away. Some steps can be undertaken soon while some can be undertaken when the Feast gets closer.

All the steps can be reviewed when the Feast is only a few weeks away to be sure we haven't forgotten anything important. Also included here is a mid-Feast checklist that can be of practical value to you!

## A Pre-Feast Checklist

- ☐ Remind employer of days you will be gone
- ☐ Arrange homework for children with teachers
- ☐ Have car serviced
- ☐ Confirm flights, bus, car rental and hotel reservations
- ☐ Obtain adequate travel insurance
- ☐ Arrange for a friend to look after house, newspapers, mail, plants or pets
- ☐ Pay bills due before you return
- ☐ Leave trip details and phone numbers where you can be reached with a friend
- ☐ Secure the house and garage, empty trash and refrigerator, unplug electrical appliances and shut off water
- ☐ Remember all necessary travel documents: passport, visa, traveler's cheques, tickets, reservation slips, car insurance, address of hotel where you will be staying
- ☐ Make photocopies of important documents
- ☐ Remember offering envelopes
- ☐ Have all necessary maps of where you are going
- ☐ Pray for safety for you and your family and all the brethren

## Mid-Feast Checklist

- ☐ Have you telephoned or written to someone who wasn't able to attend the Feast?
- ☐ Have you come early to services or stayed late to fellowship?
- ☐ Have you taken someone to lunch or dinner, or invited a new friend to a get-together?
- ☐ Have you served when asked to volunteer?
- ☐ Have you let each family member choose at least one Feast activity?
- ☐ Have you sincerely thanked God for calling you and for all your blessings?
- ☐ Have you responded to prayer requests?
- ☐ Have you generously tipped those who have served you?
- ☐ Have you reviewed your Feast budget to make sure you won't be caught short?
- ☐ Have you focused on the meaning of the Feast?
- ☐ Have you reviewed any of your notes from services?
- ☐ Have you kept prayer and Bible study as high priorities?
- ☐ Have you helped your children understand the meaning of the Feast?
- ☐ Have you been cooperative with others (parking attendants, ushers, waiters and hotel staff)?
- ☐ Have you taken time to meet new people?
- ☐ Have you fulfilled the scriptural instructions to help the strangers, widows, fatherless and poor to enjoy the Feast?
- ☐ Are you thinking and praying about the Holy Day offering for the Eighth Day?
- ☐ Have you been taking care of your health—getting enough sleep, eating properly and getting some exercise?
- ☐ Have you made time for your children to do their homework and checked on their progress?
- ☐ Have you applied the lesson of a sermon or sermonette?



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# Reserving Housing

## Using the *Festival Planning Brochure* or Finding Your Own?

Some have asked if they are required to use the housing options in the *Festival Planning Brochure*. For some sites it is mandatory, while for others it is not. It is important for you to know the needs at the site you will be attending.

Some of our meeting halls are mandatorily linked to housing in order to receive free or discounted meeting space. These festival sites require members to use the housing options listed in the *Festival Planning Brochure*. To do otherwise can jeopardize the use and cost of the meeting hall with the possibility of not being able to keep the Feast there.

Some Feast sites are not mandatorily linked to the housing so using alternate housing outside of the *Festival Planning Brochure* does not affect negotiations with the meeting facility. Nevertheless, those approved motels and hotels listed in the *Festival Planning Brochure* are providing

## Housing Reservations / Stay at Church Approved Housing or Research Personal Options

### Need to Use Approved Housing

- Anchorage, Alaska
  - Cincinnati, Ohio
  - Galveston, Texas
- Turning in the Church housing survey is a must and helps prove to the convention and visitors bureau how many people are at the conference.
- Lake George, New York
- Try housing listed first and if you can't find what you need, then proceed with other options.
- Panama City Beach, Florida
  - Snowshoe, West Virginia
  - Steamboat Springs, Colorado
  - Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin
  - Midland, Ontario

### Housing Doesn't Affect Church Finances

- Bend-Redmond, Oregon
- Branson, Missouri
- Glacier Country, Montana
- Jekyll Island, Georgia
- Oceanside, California
- Phoenix, Arizona
- Drumheller, Alberta
- Osoyoos, British Columbia

group discount rates.

There are always special needs and exceptions, but member cooperation results in better future negotiations and can save thousands of dollars. In the chart above, those attending the sites in first column should not book outside of the approved housing without permission. In the second

column you can make your own housing arrangements, but the listed properties provide discounts.

If you are not able to use the approved housing at a site where it is required, please consider an alternate site or contact us by phone at (970) 484-5857 or e-mail [USFestival@ucg.org](mailto:USFestival@ucg.org).

## Early Housing Phone Reservations

If you qualify to make early housing reservations, you can begin on Sunday, April 15. If you can't find suitable housing, please notify your pastor or call (970) 484-5878 to let us know. You can also send an e-mail to [USFestival@ucg.org](mailto:USFestival@ucg.org).

Here are the guidelines for those who have the privilege to call prior to others:

1) **Handicapped**—this includes those who absolutely must have a handicapped room, first floor room or no steps. However, if all the properties have elevators, then the need may not exist.

2) **Financial**—this is to make sure less expensive rooms are available to those who actually need them. If people who can afford more expensive rooms took all the cheaper rooms, some would not be able to attend the Feast.

3) **Families of six or more**—this is for families who live together at home, not a sister who lives out of state and another brother who might live in the same town as the parents, but who lives in his own apartment. Groups and families getting together at the Feast should wait until April 22.

4) **Festival staff**—where they specifically need to make early reservations. This is based on need, not as a perk for service. Ministers are not to make early reservations unless it is a need.

## Notification of Approval Procedure

### If You Requested Transfer to Any U.S., Satellite Site, Caribbean or Canadian Site

• When you register for a site online, automatic approval or denial will occur. If a site is closed, further registration will be blocked and you will be asked to choose a site that is open.

• Approval is expected for all U.S. and Canadian sites. However, Lake George and Jamaica may fill up due to capacities of the meeting halls. Some people may be required to make a second choice if a site

does fill up and that is not their closest site geographically.

• For anyone attending their closest site geographically, approval is automatic. However, if you register and it says it is closed, contact your pastor.

### Requested Transfer to Any International Site (other than U.S., Canada or Caribbean)

• Approval comes directly from the site's festival coordinator.

## Restricted Sites, Specialty Sites and Satellite Sites

"Just what do you mean?"

**Restricted Sites**—Some sites have limited attendance capacity, and they are labeled as a restricted site. If you are seeking to apply to a restricted site there exists the possibility of being denied, and you will need to attend a second choice. If a restricted site is your closest site geographically, then you will be approved automatically.

Lake George is a restricted site, and all U.S. and Canadian satellite sites are restricted.

**Specialty Sites**—These are sites that are based on member requests and an interest

level warranting establishing a site. This year Anchorage, Alaska, is a specialty site. They are also self-funded and for the most part do not cost the Church to operate. Specialty sites usually require a deposit and registration, and approval is required to attend.

**Satellite Sites**—These are sites established and designed for a local congregation where a number of members cannot travel to a regular site. Local members can register for a satellite site.

Big Sandy, Texas; Tampa, Florida; Tucson, Arizona; and Blainville, Quebec; are satellite sites.

# Music Volunteers Needed!

by Steve Myers

Musicians are needed to volunteer to serve during the Feast of Tabernacles. Praising and honoring God through music brings great spiritual encouragement to everyone. Music certainly is a highlight of the Feast of Tabernacles bringing joy, comfort and inspiration from the songs presented during services. We would like you to be a part of what is described in Colossians 3:16: "Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts" (New Living Translation).

To help make a successful musical Feast, we need as many musicians as possible. If you can serve musically in any way, please plan to volunteer. This includes choir members, vocal soloists, solo instrumentalists and instrumental ensemble members.

Here's how to volunteer. When you register online for the Feast of Tabernacles be sure and choose the music option to volunteer. Select all the various ways you can musically contribute at the Feast.

If you can't go online and would like to volunteer to serve musically, watch for the contact listing of music coordinators in the summer edition of the *United News*.

Once you have volunteered, either online or by contacting your special music coordinator, you'll receive all the necessary informa-

tion from the music coordinator, including a Web address where you can find everything you need concerning music at your festival site. This will include music, rehearsal practice recordings and music schedules for the site you plan to attend.

Please do not wait until just before the Feast to volunteer. Go online or contact your special music coordinator as soon as possible. It will help greatly in the preparation and planning process.

Parents of children age 5 through 12 will be happy to know that there will be a children's choir at each Feast site again this year. There is no need to sign up for the children's choir. Music and practice parts will be available online at: [www.ucg.org/members/feast](http://www.ucg.org/members/feast) in the early part of the summer.

Please take time to volunteer to contribute to the overall success of the Feast of Tabernacles through music!

## Holy Day Offering Procedure for U.S. Members Traveling to Non-U.S. Feast Sites

by Rick Shabi, treasurer

The question arises each year from U.S. members traveling to international Feast sites (including Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean) whether they should mail in their Holy Day offerings to the home office or if they should contribute directly at the Feast site they are attending.

United States law states that contributions to the Church in the United States are tax-deductible. Contributions to foreign church organizations cannot be taken as tax deductions, and we cannot issue donation receipts on offerings made abroad. In other words, those donations must be banked in a U.S. bank account to receive a receipt the Internal Revenue Service will acknowledge for tax purposes.

So if U.S. members traveling abroad want their Holy Day offerings to be included in their end-of-year donation receipt for tax purposes, they are encouraged to mail their offerings directly to the home office in Cincinnati, before or after the Feast. In this way, your contributions will be appropriately receipted and reported to the IRS, allowing you to take a tax deduction at year-end.

Of course, so as not to "appear before the Lord empty-handed," and out of courtesy to the nation hosting the Feast where you attend, please consider giving some of your offering (preferably in the local currency) on the Holy Days at the international site you attend.

If you have any question on this long-standing Church policy, please be sure to contact us through your pastor.

## 2018 FESTIVAL BUDGET PLANNER

	Estimate	Actual
<b>Total funds available</b>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Expenses</b>		
<b>Pre-Feast</b>		
Festival fund	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Other Holy Days	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Housing deposit	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Personal car prep	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Supplies and clothing	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Travel to and from the Feast</b>		
Air/train/bus fare	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Car rental	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Gasoline/oil/other	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Lodging	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Meals	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Activities	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Emergency fund	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Festival expenses</b>		
Lodging (subtract deposit)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Meals/food/drinks	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Entertainment	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Other (gifts, etc.)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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# Site and Housing Information

The Feast sites are listed in alphabetical order by country. More sites may be added online at [www.ucg.org/members/feast](http://www.ucg.org/members/feast). The + sign at the beginning of international phone numbers signifies the country code. Canadian sites list prices in Canadian dollars. **Dollar amounts for all other sites are in U.S. currency unless noted otherwise.** The website [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com), among others, provides up-to-date currency conversion information.



Sunshine Coast, Australia

## Australia

### Kawana Waters, Sunshine Coast, Queensland

This is a tropical ocean resort area with housing covering all price ranges. Most accommodation located on or near spectacular beaches. The hinterland sports spectacular views and rainforests walks. This is our 13th year at this popular site. The Sunshine Coast is an easy 90-minute drive north of the Brisbane International Airport. Car rentals are available at the airport. Visitors must remember that we drive on the left side of the road in Australia. Shuttles run continually from the airport to Sunshine Coast. One of the best ways to exchange money for overseas visitors is through an ATM.

We meet at the Lake Kawana Community Centre, a modern, air-conditioned venue located between the towns of Mooloolaba and Caloundra and a short drive from the accommodation in these areas. Tea, coffee, water and snacks are served one hour before and one hour after services by one of our congregations to facilitate Feast fellowship.

Accommodation is generally one- to three-bedroom units with kitchen and living area, ranging from luxury units to economy. Most are on located on or within walking distance to the beach. Many are in high rises having ocean views, some which allow glimpses of migrating whales at this time of the year. Holiday homes are also available.

Restaurants and cafes are plentiful and varied in cuisine. You can also easily prepare any or all of your meals in your own unit as most are equipped with its own kitchen. Recreation activities revolve around beach and ocean—surfing, swimming, kayaking and whale-watching boat trips. Steve Irwin's Australia Zoo is a 30-minute drive away for viewing Australian wildlife and

### Key Dates to Remember for U.S. & Canadian Feast Attendees

#### April 15:

- Online registration begins
- Early housing reservations begin for those who qualify (except for Panama City Beach).

#### April 17: Early housing begins at Panama City Beach

#### April 21 & 28: Registration at services for those not registering online

**April 22:** Members attending a U.S. or Canadian Feast site may begin making housing reservations from the list of accommodations supplied in the *Festival Planning Brochure*. For festival sites outside of the U.S. and Canada transfer approval notification will come directly from that site's coordinator (except for Panama City Beach).

#### April 24: Housing begins at Panama City Beach

crocodile feeding shows. Rain forest and hinterland sightseeing is also popular. Some take advantage to visit the Great Barrier Reef while in Queensland on trips before or after the Feast.

Weather will be warm and generally sunny and ideal for outdoor activities. Any occasional rain in this subtropical setting does not curtail activities.

There is a normal range of activities—family day, young adults activity, seniors lunch, teen outing and an evening family social event for the whole family. You can visit our website ([www.ucg.org.au](http://www.ucg.org.au)) later in the year for further updates on these activities and information about the Feast on the Sunshine Coast in 2017.

**First Service:** 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23

**First Holy Day:** 2 p.m., Monday, Sep. 24

**Location of Services:** Lake Kawana Community Centre, Sportsman Parade, Bokarina, Queensland.

You can learn about what the area offers and find a wide range of accommodation by searching on Google going to "Mooloolaba Accommodation" or "Caloundra Accommodation," and/or "Sunshine Coast Accommodation." The festival location is situated between the towns of Mooloolaba and Caloundra, with Mooloolaba being the more popular location. If I can help you please contact me at [williambradford@bigpond.com.au](mailto:williambradford@bigpond.com.au) or at +61 7 3711 5599.

Bill Bradford

### Merimbula, New South Wales

The Feast site for New South Wales and Victoria will again be held in the small township of Merimbula. Services will be held at the Merimbula RSL Club. We would like to invite overseas visitors to enjoy a very beautiful part of Australia. The site is noted for its friendly hospitality where members hold open house meal afternoons and nights for brethren to mix together.

Merimbula is situated on the southeast coast of Australia and has a relaxed holiday atmosphere. There is a delightful boardwalk with cafes, restaurants and variety shops on the bay inlet. Beaches and golf courses are also a popular part of the area along with boating tours, fishing trips, walking tracks and amusement centers.

Costs for accommodation are very reasonable with plenty to choose from, including self-contained houses and apartments. Check [www.sapphirecoast.com.au](http://www.sapphirecoast.com.au) or [www.merimbulatourism.com.au](http://www.merimbulatourism.com.au) for more information. The weather is expected to be mild and sunny with temperatures in the 70s Fahrenheit.

Festival activities will cater for everyone including family, teens, seniors and children plus a Church luncheon on the Eighth Day. After the first Holy Day service there will be "get-acquainted" opportunity over cheese and fruit platters and refreshments. The RSL has a restaurant adjacent to the hall, and the meals are low-cost. Many appreciate the ease of getting together for lunch after services.

For those traveling to Merimbula it is approximately a six-hour drive from Sydney and seven hours from Melbourne. Regular flights from Sydney or Melbourne can be organised through [www.rex.com.au](http://www.rex.com.au).

**Location of Services:** Merimbula RSL, 52-54 Main Street, Merimbula

**First Service:** 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23

**For further information please contact Matthew Sieff by e-mail or phone:**

[matthewsieff@gmail.com](mailto:matthewsieff@gmail.com)  
+61 243-883-463  
+61 438-244-145

Matthew Sieff

### Rockingham, Western Australia

Your brothers and sisters in Western Australia warmly invite you to celebrate God's Feast of Tabernacles with them at

the tranquil beachside city of Rockingham! Known for its relaxed holiday atmosphere, picturesque sunsets on the beach and a host of water and leisure activities, Rockingham is an easy 40-minute drive south of beautiful Perth and Fremantle, and it's only a 45-minute drive from Perth's domestic and international airport.

A range of accommodation suited for everyone includes hotels, apartments, houses and caravan parks. The climate is Mediterranean, and at that time of the year temperatures could be expected to reach about 68 degrees Fahrenheit. The township has a variety of cafes and restaurants along the beachfront and around the shopping center.

Services will be held in the Gary Holland Community Centre, a spacious and modern festival hall located near the town centre and close to most accommodation. Festival attendance averages in the mid-90s.

**Visit the following websites to find helpful information on Rockingham:**

[www.rockinghamvisitorcentre.com.au](http://www.rockinghamvisitorcentre.com.au)  
[www.stayz.com.au/accommodation/wa/perth/rockingham](http://www.stayz.com.au/accommodation/wa/perth/rockingham)

**Location of Services:** Gary Holland Community Centre, 19 Kent St., Rockingham, Western Australia.

**First Service:** 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23

**For further information:** contact Paul Vaughan by phone at +61-404-455-226 or by e-mail at [paulvaughan@ucg.org.au](mailto:paulvaughan@ucg.org.au).

*Paul Vaughan*

## Bénin

The Feast of Tabernacles will be held in Bénin, Africa. If you are interested in attending the Feast in Bénin, please contact Moïse Elisée Mabout at [mabout@yahoo.fr](mailto:mabout@yahoo.fr) or + 237-670277082 / 699825632.

*Moïse Elisée Mabout*

## Bolivia

### Cochabamba

For the fifth consecutive time, the Feast in Bolivia will be celebrated in the city of Cochabamba, a city located in the heart of Bolivia, with a pleasant temperature of approximately 25 degrees Celsius (77 degrees Fahrenheit). The city is located at 2,400 meters (7,800 feet) above sea level, with an incredible diversity of agricultural products.

The Feast site is outstanding, with a five-star hotel offering many amenities, including two large restaurants with excellent food. There rooms are spacious and elegant with private bathrooms, as well as a pleasant atmosphere. This is also where we will hold our meetings and seminars.

This hotel is ideal to celebrate the Feast, amidst elegance, impeccable service, friendly atmosphere and comfort. It offers the follow-

ing services: a safe with an electronic lock, magnetic key card, minibar, WiFi, broadband Internet. The hotel also has green areas, a bar, a soccer field, tennis court, car park, gym, jacuzzi, games room, swimming pool, entertainment room, sauna, cable TV, flat screen TV and 24-hour security.

**First service:** 7:30 p.m., Sept. 23, at the Orchid Hall of the hotel.

**For more information in the United States:** please contact Mario Seiglie by phone at (714) 533-9481 or by e-mail at: [marioseiglie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marioseiglie@sbcglobal.net).

**For more information in Bolivia:** contact Raúl Machicao at 591-2-2750799 or by e-mail: [mackao077@gmail.com](mailto:mackao077@gmail.com).

*Raul Machicao*

**The cost of the Feast in U.S. dollars is as follows:**

- \$200 Lodging (double or triple occupancy) 9 nights (includes breakfast buffet)
- \$325 Total per person (single occupancy) for entire Feast (includes only breakfast buffet)  
Lunch—8 days \$81  
Dinner—9 nights \$79
- \$360 Total per person entire Feast (this price includes breakfast, lunch and dinner)

## Brazil

### Maloca de Moscou

The 2018 Brazilian festival site will be held in the Maloca de Moscou village, near Boa Vista, in the north of Brazil. This year the Feast will be in English and Portuguese. The first double service will be held on the first Holy Day, Sept. 24, at 10 a.m. Accommodation is available in the town of Boa Vista, which is about a 1½ hour drive from the festival location. Camping facilities will also be available in Maloca de Moscou.

If you travel to Brazil directly from the U.S. you do not need any vaccinations, but if you are a U.S. citizen you will require a Brazilian visa.

**For more information please contact the festival coordinator Jorge de Campos directly at:** [jorge\\_decampos@ucg.org](mailto:jorge_decampos@ucg.org) or by phone at +1 (513) 907-9774.

*Jorge de Campos*

## British Isles

### Llandudno, Wales

We are pleased to announce that the Feast of Tabernacles this year will again be held in the Victorian resort of Llandudno in North Wales. Set on the shore of the Irish Sea and bordering the beautiful Snowdonia National Park, this is one of the most beautiful areas of the British Isles, with breathtaking landscapes, quaint towns and villages. Take a step



*Bénin*

back in history: Walk upon the walls of the medieval town of Conwy, explore historic Caernarfon Castle where Prince Charles was inaugurated as Prince of Wales, shop in the ancient Roman city of Chester, or visit the Great Orme Mines, Llandudno's ancient copper mine dating back 4,000 years. There is so much to see and explore in this beautiful Celtic land!

Services will be held in the four-star St. George's Hotel, which is situated on the picturesque seafront. Eight British Prime Ministers have stayed at the hotel including Gladstone, Disraeli, Lloyd George, Winston Churchill and Margaret Thatcher. In recent years during day conferences in the town, John Major, Tony Blair and Gordon Brown have all used the St. George's Hotel as their base for offices, meetings and breaks. When Winston Churchill arrived at the hotel late at night, he asked for a candle, which caused a bit of a problem for the staff since no candles were available and all the local shops were closed. However, staff managed to find a candle for him and later discovered that he always lit his famous cigar with a candle!

The hotel provides excellent facilities for both services and social events. For those who are interested, the St. George's Hotel is offering a preferred rate for accommodation if 30 or more rooms are booked. Information about this rate is available upon registration.

**Car Parking:** Parking is readily available both on-street and in multi-story car parks.

**Travel options:** Llandudno is directly served by both bus and train transport, including rail links to both Manchester and Liverpool international airports. The A55 dual carriageway links Llandudno with the UK motorway network.

**Location of Services:** St. George's Hotel, The Promenade, Llandudno, Conwy, North Wales. LL30 2LG.

**Website:** [www.stgeorgeswales.co.uk](http://www.stgeorgeswales.co.uk)

**Registration:** The Llandudno registration form was open on Thursday Feb. 1, at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/llandudno2018](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/llandudno2018). Rates for accommodation in the St. George's Hotel will be provided if requested on the registration form.

**For accommodation and general information:**

[www.visitllandudno.org.uk](http://www.visitllandudno.org.uk)



## U.S. Citizens Planning to Travel Internationally: Get Your Passport

All persons, including U.S. citizens, traveling by air to Canada, Central and South America, Mexico and the Caribbean are required to present a valid passport to reenter the United States. A valid driver's license is no longer sufficient for reentry documentation.

U.S. citizens planning to travel out of the country should apply for a new passport or check their current passport to ensure it is still valid. It can take up to six weeks to process a new one, so plan ahead. For more information, visit the U.S. State Department website at [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis\\_pa\\_tw\\_2223.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis_pa_tw_2223.html).

[www.visitwales.co.uk/things-to-do-in-wales](http://www.visitwales.co.uk/things-to-do-in-wales); search under "castles in Wales" or search for "YouTube Llandudno" where you can see a 6-minute video of the Llandudno area.

**First Service:** 8 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23. in the Wedgwood Suite.

## Cameroon

The Feast of Tabernacles will be held in Cameroon, Africa. If you are interested in attending the Feast in Cameroon, please contact Moïse Elisée Mabout at [mabout@yahoo.fr](mailto:mabout@yahoo.fr) or + 237-670277082 / 699825632.

*Moïse Elisée Mabout*

## Canada

### Drumheller, Alberta

Drumheller is a small town located 110 kilometers northeast of Calgary, set amid Alberta's enigmatic badlands. It acts as the nexus of what's called the Dinosaur Trail. Hoodoos dominate this badlands landscape, which has featured in many a movie (mainly Westerns). Drumheller has been the filming location for more than 50 commercials, television and cinematic productions including *Running Brave*, *MythQuest*, *Unforgiven*, ABC's miniseries *Dreamkeeper* and TNT's miniseries *Into the West*. In downtown Drumheller, stairs wind inside the "World's Largest Dinosaur," a giant model t-rex with views from its jaw. To the southeast, the Atlas Coal Mine National Historic Site explores the Drumheller Valley's coal mining heritage.

Tourists are attracted to Drumheller by the striking landscape of the badlands along the Red Deer River, the Drumheller Dinosaur and Fossil Museum, the Homestead Antique Museum and the Royal Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology. The museum exhibits include more than 200 dinosaur skeletons (the largest display of complete dinosaur skeletons in the world) and the skulls and parts of many other animals. The Royal Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology is the only one in Canada devoted to the study of prehistoric life. It boasts 375,000 visitors a year, the largest of all provincial museum attractions. It opened on Sept. 25, 1985. The Royal Tyrrell Museum is located in the northwest quadrant of the Town of Drumheller, in Midland Provincial Park.

This will be the first time that we will have held the Feast in Drumheller.

**Location of Services:** Badlands Community Facility, 80 Veterans Way, Drumheller, AB  
**For more information:**

[www.dinosaurvalley.com/badlands-community-facility](http://www.dinosaurvalley.com/badlands-community-facility)

**First Service:** Sunday, Sept. 23 at 7 p.m. The following day's service will be at 1 p.m.

*Rainer Salomaa*

### The Canalta Jurassic Hotel

**(888) 823-3466**

(403) 823-7700

<https://canaltahotels.com/our-properties/canalta-jurassic>

1103 Hwy 9 South

Drumheller AB T0J0Y0

\$119 Hotel Group Rate

### The Super 8 Hotel

**(888) 823-8882**

(403) 823-8887

<https://canaltahotels.com/our-properties/drumheller-super8>

680-2nd St. SE

Drumheller, AB T0J0Y0

\$124.00

Hotel Group Rate

Standard room, 2

Queens

\* The Super 8 does have the larger family full kitchen suites. Rates will be available for those guests when they call to guarantee their room.

### The Ramada Inn & Suites

**(877) 807-2800**

(403) 823-2028

<https://canaltahotels.com/our-properties/drumheller-ramada>

680 2nd St. SE

Drumheller AB T0J0Y0

\$135 Hotel Group Rate

- The blocks are under the name of "The Feast Of The Tabernacle"
- The cutoff date is Aug. 10, at which time any non-guaranteed room will be released for general sale.
- All three hotels listed above have continental breakfast, free WiFi, beverage refrigerators and Keurig coffee makers in every room. The Ramada and Super 8 have pool, hot tub and water slide, and the Canalta Jurassic has a large group hot tub and a steam room.

### Quality Inn

(403) 856-4444

(403) 856-4445 —Fax

<https://www.choicehotels.com/alberta/drumheller/quality-inn-hotels/cn939?mc=llgoxxcaql>

100 6th Ave SE, Drumheller, AB, T0J 0Y6

\$119 Non Smoking 1 Queen Bed

\$129 Non Smoking 2 Queen Beds

\$129 Non Smoking 1 King Bed

\$139 Non Smoking 3 Double Beds

\$159 Non Smoking Suite

Above rate is per night and subject to GST and levy charges.

**\*A note from the hotel:** "Please note these room rates are for the guests attending the conference and to get these rates they will need to call us and book directly."

All reservation comes with free hot continental breakfast. Flexible check-in and check-out time.

## Midland, Ontario

For the Feast of Tabernacles 2018 we will again be back in beautiful Midland, Ontario, Canada. This location is unique and hard to beat!

Last year "in-house" activities were highly successful and will be brought back by popular demand in 2018.

Midland is situated on magnificent Southern Georgian Bay, a short 90 minutes from Toronto and only 30 minutes from Barrie.

The region has a natural blend of scenic landscapes, diverse wildlife and a picturesque harbor with interesting waterfront trails and attractive parkland. Fall colors are scheduled to commence during the Feast. You can also visit several historic sites that tell about the region's rich cultures.

Shopping is available in the historic downtown, or in nearby Barrie. There are local culinary delights and a variety of restaurants throughout the area. For those who would prefer to stay put, dining will be available at the onsite restaurant, which will also offer room service.

One of the reasons for returning to Midland is the warm and friendly service that we receive from the hotel staff. The Quality Inn is the premier full-service hotel in the Southern Georgian Bay area. It has an excellent remodeled ballroom with seating capacity ideal for our needs.

Accommodations include standard rooms as well as suites that come complete with a small refrigerator and a coffee maker. All rooms have free high-speed Internet.

Room rates start at \$79 for the standard room and up to \$99 for a fireplace jacuzzi suite. Your room rate includes a hot breakfast at the onsite Atrium Café. The naturally lit atrium also provides a wonderful setting for interaction and relaxation ideal for connecting with spiritual members of the family. The Quality Inn also offers a heated indoor swimming pool, hot tub and sauna for added relaxation.

For those who need alternate housing, there are cottages and bed-and-breakfasts nearby.

Festival activities will again focus on the family beginning with a meet and greet evening, seniors' brunch, Bible studies, family day, games night, variety show and more.

For those who have not yet experienced the quaint historic town of Midland and the advantages of a smaller Feast site, we invite you to join us this year; for those who have attended before, we extend a warm and cordial "welcome back!"

#### For further information:

[www.southerngeorgian.bay.on.ca](http://www.southerngeorgian.bay.on.ca)

[www.qualityinnmidland.ca](http://www.qualityinnmidland.ca)

**Location of Services:** 924 King St., Midland, Ontario (at the corner of Hwy. 12).

**First Service:** 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23

**Taxes:** 13 % for guest rooms.

*Anthony Wasilkoff*

#### Quality Inn and Conference Center

(800) 461-4265

(705) 526-9307

(705) 526-0099 fax

[www.qualityinn.com/CNB04](http://www.qualityinn.com/CNB04)

924 King Street

Midland, ON, L4R 0B8, Canada

\$79 1 person

\$79 2 persons

\$10 Extra person

Features: h, r, sf, l, hr, kq, ac, fw, cb.

#### Osoyoos, British Columbia

Beautiful Osoyoos Lake provides a family Feast setting in British Columbia this year. Nestled in southern Okanagan Valley, it is renowned for its warm, clear water, surrounding mountains, vineyards, fruit orchards, sandy beaches and variety of outdoor activities. Osoyoos Lake spans the Canadian-U.S. border south of Penticton and north of Spokane.

The autumn harvest of apples, pears, plums and grapes abound here at Feast-time. Touring, visiting wineries, hiking, golfing, boating and shopping are popular activities here. A variety of trails offer walking, biking and hiking through panoramic views along Osoyoos Lake and up to Chopaka Lookout and Mount Cobau. Families will enjoy Desert Centre, a research facility hosting one of the largest concentrations of endangered plants and animals. The children's theme park, Rattlesnake Canyon, has go-karts, bumper boats, thrill rides and a 35-foot climbing wall. The indoor Osoyoos Desert Model Railroad runs 45 miniature trains on two kilometers of miniature track through dioramas featuring 18,000 hand-painted figurines of little people and animals.

The Feast venue will be the upscale Watermark Beach Resort, located right on the lake in the town of Osoyoos. The facility and meeting space is handicap accessible. All 147 resort rooms are suites of various sizes, each with a full kitchen (large refrig-

erator, range, microwave, electric kettle, dishwasher, dishes, cookware, utensils), living room with dining table, bedroom(s) with pillowtop mattresses, a washer and dryer, cable televisions, free high-speed WiFi, iron with ironing board, hair dryer, bathrobes and pet-friendly (maximum two pets). Resort amenities include two onsite restaurants, secure underground parking, elevators/lifts, heated outdoor swimming pool with waterslide, two spa tubs, barbecue grills, full waterfront, walking paths, beach volleyball, a full-service spa, fitness centre and steam room.

The Feast occurs early this year during the peak summer tourist season. To moderate costs for Feast attendees, the Watermark has reduced room rates, dropped fees for room sharing, has free parking, full kitchens and has a supermarket next door. If Feast attendees occupy at least 20 rooms, the Feast meeting space will be complimentary. (Other hotels and RV sites at Osoyoos can be reserved online.)

From the Watermark beachfront resort, one can easily step into Osoyoos town center. Food is conveniently obtained at neighboring markets, eateries and shops—all within easy walking distance. Restaurants in Osoyoos include Canadian, American, Chinese, Japanese, Asian, French, Italian, Mexican, plus winery restaurants, resorts restaurants, pizza shops, pubs and fast-food.

Church socials will be held onsite and will include a family dinner and dance, a catered seniors luncheon and separate meet-and-greets for singles, young adults and teens. Group volleyball, bocce ball, cricket and disc golf equipment are complimentary from the front desk for beachside use. Watermark also offers rentable kayaks, SUPs and boat slippage. Sail boats, ski boats, jet skis, pontoon boats and boat charters are available through nearby vendors.

**Location of Services:** Services will be the Watermark's Beach Resort Conference Centre, located on the first floor. The Conference Centre's exterior entrance at Main Street at the junction of 74 Avenue.

**First Service:** 10:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 24. (Daily services at 10:30 a.m.)

We need to utilize 20 or more resort rooms during the Feast for the meeting space to be complementary. When making reservations mention "United Church of God." Call: (888) 755-3480 or (250) 495-5500 to make reservations.

We look forward to having you and your family with us for the Feast of Tabernacles at Osoyoos Lake this year.

E-mail any questions you have to the B.C. Feast team at [BCfeast@ucg.ca](mailto:BCfeast@ucg.ca).

*John Elliott*

#### Watermark Beach Resort

(888) 755-3480

(250) 495-5500

[www.watermarkbeachresort.com/](http://www.watermarkbeachresort.com/)



*Cartegena, Colombia*

15 Park Pl, Osoyoos, BC V0H 1V0, Canada  
 C\$149 1 Bedroom City View  
 C\$179 1 Bedroom Lake View  
 C\$179 1 Bedroom City V + Den  
 C\$209 2 Bedroom City View  
 C\$239 2 Bedroom Lake View  
 C\$269 2 BR Beachfront Villa

Watermark Beach Resort's special UCG room rates are quoted in Canadian dollars. Other than 15 percent tax there are no additional or hidden fees. "City View" includes distant mountains, sunsets. "Villa" is a multi-floor beachfront condominium (stairs), with ground floor living room, dining, kitchen and walk-out patio with barbecue grill.

\* Mention "United Church of God" when making reservations.

## Chile

### Olmué

For the sixth year in a row, we plan to have the Chilean Feast site in the picturesque town of Olmué at the resort: Centro de Eventos La Campana. Nestled in a lush valley of the Chilean countryside with panoramic views of the Coastal Mountain Range, it is conveniently located approximately 70 miles NW of Santiago, the capital of Chile, and less than 30 miles from the coastal beach resort town of Viña del Mar and the major seaport city of Valparaíso.

One of the oldest towns in Chile, Olmué is a center of Chilean culture and folk heritage, with local shops and restaurants selling an array of traditional handicrafts, foods and wines from the region.

The town is situated in close proximity to a number of nearby fun activities and day trips you can enjoy while taking in the naturally beautiful landscape, including winery tours, horseback riding, hot air balloon rides, mountain hiking and a paintball/rock climbing activity center. Taking a day trip to local beach resorts Viña del Mar and Valparaíso would provide a wonderful opportunity to see the rich cultural legacy of the Chilean Pacific coast.

Hiking in this region is a very unique and special experience—the La Campana National Park is within walking distance





Hong Kong, China

of the Feast site. Named a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve in 1984, La Campana contains one of the last remaining Chilean palm tree forests and boasts a summit view of both the Andes mountain range and the Pacific Ocean all at once.

The Feast site is clean and beautifully maintained by friendly staff with an auditorium, restaurant and two pools (one heated indoor and one outdoor) surrounded by picturesque mountain vistas. Services are held in the spacious auditorium with English translation as needed, and a very nice on-site restaurant provides a wonderful space for additional fellowship and delicious meals.

This time of year in Chile, you will enjoy wonderful spring weather with moderate highs in the 60s and 70s Fahrenheit and cool evenings. The weather and location provide the perfect setting for fellowship and fun—with an introductory show, two Bible studies, a barbecue, a talent show and many more Church-organized activities for all ages.

**First Service:** 8 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23, in the main hall.

**For more information:** please e-mail Jaime Gallardo at [jaime\\_gallardo@ucg.org](mailto:jaime_gallardo@ucg.org) or contact Mario Seiglie at [mario\\_seiglie@ucg.org](mailto:mario_seiglie@ucg.org) or call at (714) 533-9481.

*Jaime Gallardo*

#### Centro de Eventos La Campana

\$280 Single Occupancy for 8 nights/9 days

\$220 Children 3-12 years  
Free Children under 2 years

\* Reservations and Information:  
Please contact Feast coordinator.

\* All lunches and light breakfasts are included in the cost. Dinner is on your own.

#### Feature Codes:

a Apartment/condominium  
ac Air conditioning  
bb Bed and Breakfast  
c Campground  
cb Continental breakfast included  
d Dump station  
e Elevator  
ec Electric  
fw Free wireless  
h Hotel/motel

## China

### Hong Kong

Once again this year, 2018, the United Church of God will be holding the Feast of Tabernacles in the vibrant city of Hong Kong. Hong Kong is known as the Pearl of the Orient, and the city where East meets West. It offers a variety of close activities. Take a short ride on the Star Ferry from Hong Kong Island to Kowloon for shopping and to visit various museums showing the history of the region. Visit Disneyland—Hong Kong, Ocean Park, Botanical Gardens, and ride the Victoria Peak Tramway up to Victoria Peak, where there is one of the best views in all of the region, and hiking trails for those looking for exercise.

Hong Kong and the surrounding areas are very easy to get around, with very well developed public transportation system, which includes an extensive subway system, buses and water taxis. Virtually any place is accessible by public transportation.

Temperatures typically range, during the day, from highs of 80 to 85 degrees and nighttime lows from 74 to 78 degrees. Though humid and warm, temperatures inside buildings can often be quite cool. Those planning to attend are encouraged to bring a light jacket or sweater for use inside.

With space for 60 to transfer in and keep the Feast with the local brethren, we encourage those wishing to attend to register immediately. Due to space limitations, it is essential those planning to attend register in advance. Once the space is full, no further transfers can be accepted.

To register or for more detailed information, please contact Terry Franke at [franke.t3@gmail.com](mailto:franke.t3@gmail.com).

*Terry Franke*

## Colombia

### Cartagena

The Feast of Tabernacles in Colombia will once again be held in the picturesque and charming colonial city of Cartagena, on the northern Caribbean coast. Cartagena is quite deservedly the most visited city and destination by tourists in the country. Founded in 1533, Cartagena's colonial walled city and fortress were designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Cartagena is fascinating—a history embedded in ancient forts, churches and palaces; a walled town filled with exquisite

site 16th and 17th century Spanish colonial architecture; soft beaches; world-class snorkeling and scuba diving reefs; delightful restaurants; and enough shops to capture your interest without the place feeling like one gigantic mall.

We will again be holding the Feast in the 3.5-star Hotel Regatta Cartagena, located on the pleasant sandy beach of the balmy Caribbean Sea, offering modern and spacious rooms of high comfort, excellent views of the sea and the city, air conditioning, satellite TV, telephone, safety deposit box, free 24-hour WiFi, two pools, multilingual staff and laundry services. Included in this package will be three daily all-you-can-eat, plenteous buffet meals, offering local and international cuisine. The Rafael Nunez International Airport is a short 15 minutes away.

The average daily high temperatures are 85-90 Fahrenheit, and the lows are 75-80 degrees. Translation into English will be available for services and activities held in the hotel.

We warmly welcome and anticipate U.S. and other international attendees! Colombian brethren as well as those transferring in will all be staying in the same hotel. We have a variety of activities shared with all, as well as intriguing options for visiting the city and its attractions. "Cartagena is a popular tourist destination and venue for major conferences and presents a very low risk to business travelers," reports ICANN (the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers). It is also a very popular cruise ship destination, with multiple ships bringing thousands annually. It is a safe area with hundreds of thousands of tourists visiting the city every year. To date we have had no safety or security problems.

Please come join us for a relaxing and inspiring Feast with your brethren and family from Colombia!

**Location of Services:** Hotel Regatta Cartagena

**First Service:** 8 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23

**Reservations and Information:** Contact Scott Hoefker, festival coordinator, at [scott\\_hoefker@ucg.org](mailto:scott_hoefker@ucg.org) or call (251) 930-1797. A 20 percent deposit is due and required by July 15, and final payment is due by Sept. 12. Payment should be made to the coordinator.

\*We kindly request that you do not make reservations at other nearby hotels, or contact the Regatta, without talking with the festival coordinator first for approval, as seating

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p Children's play area in or nearby  
r Restaurant on premises or adjacent  
s Suites

sh Shower facilities  
sf Shopping facilities nearby  
st Steep grades or many steps  
sw Sewer  
te Tent facilities  
UF Children under specified age are free  
w In walking distance of meeting facility  
wa Water  
wf Waterfront  
yl Provide your own linen  
yu Provide your own kitchen utensils

is limited in the meeting hall where we hold services, as well as in the restaurant.

*Scott Hoefker*

### Hotel Regatta Cartagena

The following room rates in U.S. dollars will apply (three buffet meals, taxes and insurance included):

\$120	single
\$155	double
\$190	triple
\$255	quad
\$380	six
\$35	children (ages 3-10) per night
Free	children (Under 3 years)

## Congo

The Feast of Tabernacles will be held in DR Congo, Africa. If you are interested in attending the Feast in DR Congo, please contact Moïse Elisée Mabout at [mabout@yahoo.fr](mailto:mabout@yahoo.fr) or + 237-670277082 / 699825632.

*Moïse Elisée Mabout*

## Estonia

### Kuressaare, Saaremaa

The 2018 Feast of Tabernacles is once again planned on the Baltic island of Saaremaa. Estonia, the Land of Issachar (Genesis 49:14-15), is located between Russia, the other Baltic Republics, and Scandinavia. Even though Estonia has been largely transformed since the days of the Soviet Union, the crumbling ruins of failed collective farms still emphatically testify to the utter failure of atheistic Communism (Psalms 14:1).

Contrasting with the past, the Estonia of today is an economically developed modern country by multiple "first world" standards.

Reflecting this in many ways is the venue for the Feast—the Georg Ots Spa Hotel ([www.gospa.ee](http://www.gospa.ee)), located in a peaceful millennial setting at Kuressaare, Saaremaa. Brethren from more than seven countries are expected giving a great opportunity to share cultures, life stories of unique callings and survival. Residing in the same hotel and eating meals together offers time to bond with each other. Language is no barrier. Most people from the Eastern European countries speak a modicum of English; there is always someone nearby to translate conversations.

No car is needed as there are shopping, sites to visit and restaurants within easy walking distance of the hotel. If desired, taxis at reasonable rates are readily available.

**Location of Services:** Conference room of the GOSPA Hotel.

**First Service:** 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23. All services will be in English with translation as needed.

In addition, we anticipate holding weekly Sabbath services on Sept. 22 in Tallinn. If

there is sufficient interest, an Atonement service is also a possibility.

### Travel Information and Registration:

Most international visitors will fly to Tallinn, capital of Estonia. From Tallinn to Saaremaa is a four-hour comfortable coach ride (which includes a one-hour ferry crossing) allowing a view of the Estonian countryside. The bus ticket costs 16€ each way. Air flights with a limited schedule and limited luggage weight are also available from Tallinn to Kuressaare two times per day on most days for 52€ round trip. The website for the commuter airline is [saartelenullid.ee](http://saartelenullid.ee).

If your schedule permits, touring the medieval city of Tallinn (known as the City of Dan) is a very convenient opportunity.

Additional information about charges for excursions, group meals and applications for the Feast are available by e-mailing the festival coordinator, Johnnie Lambert, at [fotestonia@gmail.com](mailto:fotestonia@gmail.com), writing to him at 562 Sing Sing Road, Horseheads, NY 14845, or by calling (607) 796-2669. Registration is required and an e-mail address is needed.

Please join us for a memorable and enjoyable Feast of Tabernacles.

*Johnnie Lambert*

### Georg Ots Spa Hotel

[www.gospa.ee](http://www.gospa.ee)

Estonia's currency is the euro. Exchange rates with the euro from most other currencies can be found at this link: [www.tavid.ee/en/currency/](http://www.tavid.ee/en/currency/)

Room rates (per room, per night including taxes) are as follows:

53€	Single
65€	Double
20€	Extra bed for child (3-15 years)
15€	Child sharing bed with parent (up to 12 years)

Reservations lasting longer than four nights will receive one night (limited to only one) free of charge. These prices include a buffet breakfast, unlimited access to saunas, pools and fitness centers, use of personal bathrobe plus sandals and WiFi.

A late afternoon buffet meal designed specifically for our group and our dietary requirements will be provided (including tax, but not including tip) at a price of 20€ for adults and 15€ for children age 6-12. Under age 6 is free. Pamper yourself with massages and body treatments for an additional fee. For additional information about these available services, you may go to the hotel's website at [www.gospa.ee](http://www.gospa.ee).

## France

### Evian-les-Bains

We are pleased to announce that the VVF Village in Evian-les-Bains will host the 2018 Feast of Tabernacles in France.

Applications were open on Feb. 15 and this site is now full. Any interested will have



*Schluchsee, Germany*

to go on a waiting list.

Famous for its mineral water, Evian-les-Bains, on the shores of Lake Geneva, welcomes visitors with its lakeside promenade, Belle Époque architecture, fine dining and a focus on health and wellbeing with thermal spas and thalassotherapy treatments. Located across the road from the lakeside promenade, the VVF Village has a state-of-the-art conference center and auditorium with seating for 300 people, indoor heated swimming pool overlooking the lake, gym and a restaurant and bar with lake views.

During the Feast, we will offer excursions to nearby points of interest, including the French Alps and the city of Geneva. In Evian-les-Bains, the Funicular Railway, Cachat Spring, Palais Lumiere and the main thermal bath spa are all about a 15-minute walk from the VVF Village.

The average daytime highs in late September are in the mid-60s Fahrenheit (18 Celsius) with lows around 50 (10 Celsius). As with prior years, the Feast in France will be all-inclusive and include nine nights lodging and breakfast, lunch and dinner. The price for two adults lodging together will be €620 per person and for a person lodging alone €740 per person. Children 15 and under pay a reduced rate.

Evian-les-Bains is approximately a one-hour drive from the Geneva Airport.

*Tim & Maryse Pebworth*

## Germany

### Schluchsee

Join us this year to celebrate our 20th Feast of Tabernacles in Schluchsee! The picturesque town of Schluchsee is set on Lake Schluchsee in southern Germany, in a beautiful area just 10 miles (16 kilometers) from the Black Forest's highest mountain, the Feldberg (1,493 meters, 4,860 feet).

Lake Titisee, with its scenic town of Titisee, is a 20-minute drive from Schluchsee, and the famous Rhine River waterfall in Schaffhausen/Neuhausen, Switzerland, is about 60 minutes away by car.

Temperatures in late September can be seasonally warm on sunny days, but evenings and daytime rainy periods may be chilly because of Schluchsee's altitude (900 meters,



approximately 3,000 feet).

Accommodations for transfer guests are available in selected hotels and vacation apartments. Vacation apartments offer kitchenettes. Half-board arrangements are available in most hotels. Lodging costs range from \$75 to \$125 for a vacation apartment and from \$50 upwards per person for hotel accommodations, which includes breakfast. (Please note: Prices depend on the dollar/euro exchange rate.)

Transfer guests can make their own reservations. Lodging information is available via the Black Forest German-language tourism website, which can be translated into English ([www.hochschwarzwald.de](http://www.hochschwarzwald.de)). The hall where services will be held is within walking distance of most lodging units within the main village area.

Direct "German Rail" (Deutsche Bahn AG) service is available via Freiburg to Schluchsee. However, car rental is recommended for ease of transportation and sightseeing. Schluchsee is about 180 miles (300 kilometers) south of the Frankfurt International Airport or 50 miles (80 kilometers) northwest of the Zurich International Airport. Expected attendance is approximately 200.

Most services will be held in German, with a simultaneous translation into English. International guests who do not speak German will need to bring their own FM radio and headphones to services to be able to receive the simultaneous translation.

**Location of Services:** Grosser Kursaal, Kurhaus Schluchsee (next to the Rathaus, behind the tourism office).

**First Service:** 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23.

**Reservations:** Visitors wishing to attend should register on the UCG-Germany website at [www.vkg.org/fot.php](http://www.vkg.org/fot.php). Registration is required and an e-mail address is needed for registration.

*Paul Kieffer*

## Ghana

### Accra

The Feast of Tabernacles will be held in Ghana, Africa. If you are interested in attending the Feast in Ghana, please contact Henry Aikins at [henry.aikins@gmail.com](mailto:henry.aikins@gmail.com) or +233 244 737 415.

*Henry Aikins*

## Grenada

Come and rejoice with your southern Caribbean family at the Feast in Grenada! For the first time, UCG will host the Feast of Tabernacles on this beautiful and peaceful island. Brethren will be attending from the southern Caribbean islands, including Dominica, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and Trinidad and Tobago. There will also be room for a limited number of transfers from other locations.

Grenada is not called "the Spice Isle" for nothing—in certain areas, you really can smell the nutmeg in the air. Other spices also grow in abundance, including cloves, bay leaf, allspice, ginger and turmeric, to name a few. A variety of tropical fruits, as well as cocoa, are also grown. Grenada is a lush, green, mountainous island, with breathtaking views and waterfalls all over.

The Feast of Tabernacles will be held at the all-inclusive Grenadian by Rex Resorts, which is a five-minute ride from the Maurice Bishop International Airport (GND). The Grenadian is set on two beautiful beaches: Magazine Beach, which is a quiet, lay-on-the-beach-and-read spot, and Tamarind Bay, where you can choose from a variety of water sports (non-motorized sports are complimentary; motorized sports offered for a fee). As it is the only resort on those beaches, it will seem as if we have it all to ourselves. Because this will be a small, mostly local site, there will be ample time for extra fellowship, and you will have the opportunity to share quality time with the local brethren.

If you prefer a little more action, there are many options. The snorkeling and scuba diving are outstanding—there is a marine park including underwater sculptures. Other activities include hiking, rum distillery/cocoa plantation tours, eco and garden tours.

We will most likely arrange a couple of group tours, including a catamaran cruise and an island tour.

**First Service:** 7:30 p.m., Sunday Sept. 23.

**Important Information:** The main building (lobby, shopping arcade, main restaurant, main lounge) are on ground level and accessible to wheelchair, however, due to the number of stair access to guests rooms. Grenadian is not ideally suited to those with restricted physical abilities, although there are a small number of Beachfront rooms that are equipped for disabled guests. The meeting hall for services is also on the second floor, and there is no elevator.

**Registration:** To register for the Feast in Grenada, please use UCG's Feast registration, located at [www.ucg.org/members/feast/grenada](http://www.ucg.org/members/feast/grenada). Upon receipt of your registration, we will notify you, and as soon as they are available, will send instructions for making your hotel reservation at the Grenadian by Rex Resorts. If you have questions, please contact Chuck Smith at (754) 227-7991 or by e-mail [grenadafot@gmail.com](mailto:grenadafot@gmail.com).

Expected attendance is around 125.

*Chuck Smith*

### Grenadian by Rex Resorts

<http://rexresorts.com/grenada/grenadian/>

\$150 Single

\$195 Double

\$270 Triple

\*There will be reduced rates for children—these rates are not yet available, and will be published at <http://caribbean.ucg.org/content/grenada-2018> as soon as available.

## Guatemala

### Panajachel

For the eighth year, the Feast of Tabernacles in Guatemala will be held in Panajachel, on the shores of beautiful Lake Atitlan, a two-and-a-half-hour ride from Guatemala City. Most of the brethren will be staying at the Hotel Jardines del Lago, where services will take place. Translations to English will be provided.

Activities will include ladies' tea, talent show, family day, youth seminar, family dance and a boat trip through the breathtaking Lake Atitlan.

**First Service:** 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23 in the main hall.

**Reservations and Information:** The deadline to register is July 15. We also request you pay 50 percent of the cost as a first payment. For more information, please e-mail Israel Robledo at [jisrael.robledo@gmail.com](mailto:jisrael.robledo@gmail.com) or call at (502) 54145702 or contact Mario Seiglie at [mario\\_seiglie@ucg.org](mailto:mario_seiglie@ucg.org) or call at (714) 533-9481.

*Israel Robledo*

### Hotel Jardines del Lago

\$55 Single room per night

\$495 for 9 nights

\$55 Double room per night

\$495 for 9 nights

The meals (not included in the hotel cost) are: breakfast \$6, lunch \$7 and dinner \$7.

### Hotel "Kakchiquel"

\$15 Room per person, meals not included.

Meal costs: breakfast \$5; lunch \$6; dinner \$5

### Hotel Chaparral

\$10 Room per person meals not included.

*Note:* You will be able to choose to eat at any restaurant nearby the hotels, according to your budget.

## India

### Agra

Your brothers and sisters in India warmly welcome and invite you to attend the Feast of Tabernacles with them in Agra, India, home of the world famous Taj Mahal. Daily services as well as lodging and all meals will be at the Four Points by Sheraton situated in the historically rich city of Agra. The hotel is located five miles from Agra City Railway Station and four miles from Idgah Bus Stand. International guests can fly into the New Delhi international airport and hire a driver for the four-to-five-hour drive to Agra or take the train with shorter travel time.

Services will be primarily in English with translation into the Hindi language for the local brethren. Services will be held in the



Agra, India

on-site conference hall. You will greatly enjoy meeting the local Agra brethren and other Indians who may travel to the site—eating all meals together and staying in the same hotel. A “Feast variety show” is being planned and is a fun and enjoyable evening for all. Visitors may sign up for two afternoon group tours to famous area attractions such as the Taj Mahal and Agra Fort.

Superior rooms are air-conditioned and are well furnished and equipped with modern amenities. Lodging rate will include three buffet meals for two persons, inclusive of all taxes (children ages 12 & up staying in parents’ room with rollaway, are an additional \$50/night). The hotel requests you to make your room reservation through our Feast team. The dining facility at the hotel is a multi-cuisine restaurant that provides a variety of foods from around the world for guests to enjoy. Internet is available on a per-day, chargeable basis.

A visit to India will be a life-changing experience. If you want to travel internationally and you earnestly seek to meet and serve your brothers and sisters in Christ who live overseas, the Feast in India would be an exceptional opportunity for you. You can make a difference by sharing your time, talent and love with your Indian brothers and sisters. There are many speaking opportunities for Church elders who would like to attend this site. For all who come, this will be a Feast you will not soon forget.

We seek and appreciate your earnest prayers for God’s blessing in India and on all the Feasts around the world where God has chosen to place His name.

The Indian brethren are looking forward to seeing you in Agra this year!

**Lodging and Location of Services:** Four Points by Sheraton Agra

**First Service:** 7 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23.

**Feast Registration:** Please register at <http://ucg-india.org/feast/>. A \$45 registration fee (per family) is required and will be applied to the Feast’s conference hall expenses.

**Hotel Reservations at Four Points by Sheraton:** Once you have registered, you will be e-mailed information and asked your room preference and dates of stay. You will then be requested to send your international flight details and to make a partial room payment. Your room reservation is confirmed

once partial payment and flight details are received.

For questions e-mail David Schreiber at [david\\_schreiber@ucg.org](mailto:david_schreiber@ucg.org) or call (507) 377-8151.

*David Schreiber*

#### Four Points by Sheraton

\$112 Double Occupancy:  
Superior Room  
(City View).

\$130 Double Occupancy:  
Superior Room  
(Taj Mahal View)

\$150 Double Occupancy:  
Executive Room  
(Taj Mahal View)

\*Room rates includes all taxes and three buffet meals each day for two persons and it is the same rate for single or double occupancy.

Children under 5 no charge; triple occupancy for additional adult or child age 12 and over—with rollaway bed: \$50/night (all meals and taxes included).

## Italy

### Sabaudia

Once again we’ll celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles in the peaceful seatown of Sabaudia, which is located only a 90-minute drive south of Rome. Transportation directly to and from the Da Vinci International FCO Airport (Fiumicino, Rome) shall be provided on any day before and after the Feast. Any extra hotel days immediately before or after the Feast will be charged as for Feast package.

Our Feast hotel is offering very low full-board inclusive prices. To know the prices, you have to submit your application to our website [www.feastinitaly.org](http://www.feastinitaly.org). Your Feast bookings will be secured only when/if you decide to send your Feast deposit through our website.

Church services will be held at the hotel meeting hall, alternately in English and Italian languages, with simultaneous translation. Headphones will be provided on site. English is spoken and understood by a good number of Italian brethren who look forward to meeting you and fellowshiping with you.

Optional tours to famous historical sites—like classic Rome, the Coliseum, Imperial Fora and other places like the Vatican and the ancient ruins of Pompeii, including an Italian wine tasting experience. All will take place during the inner six days of the Feast of Tabernacles without interfering with church services. In addition, a very educational pre-Feast four-day tour in Tuscany is offered to brethren who can celebrate the Day of Atonement with us in Sabaudia (more information upon request).

If you wish to serve at the Feast in Italy,

please remember to specify it on the Talents page of your Feast booking form on our website. Choir directors and singers are most welcome. If you can either sing or play the piano to accompany hymns or any other musical instrument for special music, or if you have any other artistic talent that may entertain the brethren at the talent show, your talent is most welcome.

Our Feast hotel is located right on a golden sandy beach, and it faces one of the most limpid and uncontaminated stretches of water in the Tyrrhenian Sea. Its climate is dry and warm. This means that in your free time you can enjoy activities such as swimming, beach volleyball and table tennis. Also, the hotel offers a private beach with sunbeds and sun umbrellas for you to enjoy free of charge. Furthermore, a new beauty center with fitness and sauna is offered to Feast participants at a very affordable price.

The hotel room is equipped with telephone, WiFi, a TV set, shower, hairdryer and air conditioning control. Prices for the accommodation at the hotel include full board (three meals a day) and may vary from 72 euro per adult in double bedroom. There is a 50 percent discount granted to children 3 to 6 years old, and 30 percent discount to children 7 to 12 years old. No cost for children under 3.

The hotel staff can speak English, and its restaurant can host a very large group of brethren so that we can enjoy our meals all together. With regard to food, Italian cuisine is one of the richest, most delicious and exquisite in the world. The chefs know the distinction of clean and unclean foods, and the restaurant staff is looking forward to welcoming and serving us diligently.

We hope that you will celebrate God’s Holy Days with us in Italy this year. Your Italian brethren look forward to welcome you and fellowship with you in Jesus Christ.

**Registration:** [www.feastinitaly.org](http://www.feastinitaly.org). For assistance, please contact us at +39 338 4097919 (during Italian office hours) or e-mail anytime to: [registration@feastinitaly.org](mailto:registration@feastinitaly.org).

*Carmelo & Delia Anastasi*

## Ivory Coast

The Feast of Tabernacles will be held in Ivory Coast, Africa. If you are interested in attending the Feast in Ivory Coast, please contact Moïse Elisée Mabout at [mabout@yahoo.fr](mailto:mabout@yahoo.fr) or + 237-670277082 / 699825632.

*Moïse Elisée Mabout*

## Jamaica

### Montego Bay

The Feast of Tabernacles will be held at the four-and-a-half-star Hilton Rose Hall Resort and Spa, Montego Bay, Jamaica, for the second



year in a row. Services will be held in a very modern air-conditioned ballroom located in the same building as the guest rooms. The ballroom can comfortably hold 500 members with an attached breakout room for mothers with infants. Take a moment to review their website at [www.rosehallresort.com](http://www.rosehallresort.com).

The resort sits on 400 acres, with only the ocean and a golf course for neighbors, helping you create your own private space to meditate in and to picture the coming Kingdom of God. The Hilton Rose Hall has one of the longest and most private beaches in Jamaica, with no outside vendors to bother you and hammocks throughout the entire property for reading and quiet time.

We are planning to have two teen/pre-teen Bible studies on the beach, biblical and Christian living seminars and a hymn sing-along to give even more worship opportunities, in addition to the daily services.

The Hilton Rose Hall is a stress-free choice for families, providing all-inclusive meals/drinks, a variety of activities and connecting room options. There are two pools, a lazy river, the island's longest water slide, a kid's club, two ping-pong tables and numerous beach games like volleyball and soccer. With six restaurants, a snack bar, jerk chicken shack and two coffee bars, you will never have to worry about the little ones getting hungry. And for Mom, there is a free shuttle to the Shoppes at Rose Hall, a shopping complex that includes 27 shops.

For those looking for an active Feast site, the Hilton Rose Hall has six tennis courts, two sand volleyball courts, a soccer field and a basketball court. All non-motorized water sports, like kayaking, windsurfing, paddle boarding and sailing are included. Motorized water sports and even scuba diving can be arranged (see website for details and prices). Next door to the resort is the 18-hole Cinnamon Hill Golf Course (additional fees required for golf).

Tours can be planned for those who would like to get out and explore Jamaica. We have a trusted partner in Jamaica Tours, the number-one tour company in Jamaica. Jamaica Tours has been providing excellent service to the Church for many years, and they truly go out of their way to follow through on all of our requests. Successful tours in the past have included Dunn's River Falls, snorkeling, the Luminous Lagoon and Martha Brae River Rafting.

The Hilton Rose Hall is a 15-20-minute drive from Jamaica's largest airport, the Sir Donald Sangster International Airport.

**First Service:** 7:30 p.m., Sunday Sept. 23.

The Jamaica Feast site has its own registration process, and we expect this site to fill up quickly, so please do not make reservations until you have received approval from the Jamaican festival team. You can register at <http://caribbean.ucg.org/content/jamaica-2018>.

Expected attendance is around 500. If

you have questions, please e-mail them to [jamaicafot@gmail.com](mailto:jamaicafot@gmail.com).

*Chuck Smith*

## Kenya

### Got Kachola, Mombasa and Ogembo

KA warm invitation from brethren from Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Burundi and Rwanda to join them in celebrating the 2018 Feast of Tabernacles in Kenya. The Feast will once again be held in three locations, which include Church owned properties at Got Kachola in South Nyanza and Ogembo, both of which are in rural settings with mountain vistas. These venues have moderate daytime temperatures averaging 85 degrees Fahrenheit (30 Celsius) with some rainfall likely. The other site will be at Diani South coast of Kenya along the Indian Ocean and about 45 minutes by road from Mombasa City.

Internationals will have lodging at a resort situated right on Diani Beach where one can feel the warmth of the sun and the hakuna matata friendliness of the Kenyan people. During your visit here, consider touring the world-renowned game reserves of Masai Mara National Park among others like Lake Nakuru National Park. For complete information, request a 2018 Kenya festival information packet by sending an e-mail to Monte Knudson at [Monte\\_Knudson@ucg.org](mailto:Monte_Knudson@ucg.org) and [eastafrika@ucg.org](mailto:eastafrika@ucg.org).

*Monte Knudson*

## Malawi

### Blantyre

As in many countries, the administrative and commercial capitals of Malawi are in separate places. While Lilongwe is the nation's rather prim and proper administrative capital, for those in business it is Blantyre.

Blantyre is the nation's financial, commercial and transport center and the home of the Malawi Stock Exchange. The central business district of Blantyre is where it all happens in this otherwise easy-going country.

Both by day and by night, Blantyre is much busier and livelier than the nation's capital. It has more hotels, more restaurants and more bars than Lilongwe, although these tend to be found out of town rather than in the central business district. Blantyre has a richer heritage than Lilongwe. It was named after the birthplace in Scotland of the explorer and missionary, David Livingstone. Blantyre is one of the oldest urban centres in eastern and southern Africa. It gained municipal status as far back as 1895, while work on St. Michael and All Angels Church in Blantyre began even earlier in 1888.

Blantyre has pleasant climate set in a range of hills at the altitude of about 1,000 meters, and it has a rather pleasant climate most of



*Montego Bay, Jamaica*

the year except for two or three months of heavy rain. It is the perfect gateway to the unspoiled south of Malawi. Many visitors fly to Blantyre and stay overnight before heading off to Liwonde and Majete National Parks or to Zomba and Mulanje Mountains.

Blantyre is equally as well served as Lilongwe in terms of air connections, and the national carrier, Air Malawi, has its head office at the city's Chileka International Airport.

It is here where this year's Feast of Tabernacles will be held in a magnificent hall funded by LifeNets International at a place called Kanjedza Forest. For more details contact Gracious Mpilangwe at [gracmpilangwe@yahoo.com](mailto:gracmpilangwe@yahoo.com).

*Gracious Mpilangwe*

## Lilongwe

Lilongwe is the administrative capital of Malawi and, like all such cities, it enjoys a certain serenity and orderliness. Although it has been the nation's capital since 1975, Lilongwe is a fast-growing city with a population of 800,000. In addition to government employees, it attracts people working for international organizations and non-governmental organizations. As a result, the city is more cosmopolitan than any other in Malawi, providing foreign visitors with a rather agreeable expatriate lifestyle. Advantages include less traffic jams, little crime, some decent restaurants, shopping and easy access to the natural delights of the Central Region.

A "must see" destination for visitors is Lilongwe's 120-hectare wildlife park, a delightful and well run spot located in the center of the city. Visitors can take heart from the excellent work undertaken by the wildlife center in caring for rescued, orphaned and badly treated wild animals.

The city's many government buildings are a key attractions, including a new Chinese-built parliament building and a five-star hotel among others.

Lilongwe is an excellent overnight stop for travellers offering a range of excellent hotels. It is here where the Feast of Tabernacles will be held at a place called Mchesi in a hall funded by LifeNets International. For more details contact Gracious Mpilangwe at [gracmpilangwe@yahoo.com](mailto:gracmpilangwe@yahoo.com).

*Gracious Mpilangwe*

# Malaysia

## Penang

Your Southeast Asian brethren warmly invite you to attend the Feast of Tabernacles with them at the Bayview Beach Resort, situated on the water's edge at Batu Ferringhi Beach on the island of Penang, Malaysia.

The Bayview Beach Resort has quality amenities and provides a lovely setting for the Feast, with a large expanse of lawn, palm trees, sun lounges, absolute beach frontage and a large lagoon-type swimming pool with a swim-up bar. One of the best features of the Feast each year in Penang is the opportunity for wonderful time together as one spiritual family. With everyone staying together on site, there is time to share many meals, conversation and hearty fellowship with our brethren. Services will be held in the beautiful Oriental Ballroom.

**First service:** 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23.

If you would like to attend the Feast in Penang, please contact Grant Chick at [grantchick@ucg.org.au](mailto:grantchick@ucg.org.au) or +61 8 9523-4623 to register your interest. Once registered you will receive additional travel information.

Please remember to indicate your ability to assist in helping to make the Feast a great success for all members.

*Grant Chick*

## The Bayview Beach Resort

Room rates include large buffet breakfasts each day. The discounted rates are in Malaysian Ringgit (\$1 = RM3.936)

RM330	Superior Hillview room
RM455	Deluxe Side Seaview
RM520	Family room

Accommodation bookings are to be made directly with the Bayview Beach Resort.

E-mails can be sent to [reservations.bbr@bayviewhotels.com](mailto:reservations.bbr@bayviewhotels.com), attention Thila or Siti.

Please note on your e-mail message that you are attending the United Church of God conference, so the discounted room rates listed above are applied to your booking.

# Mexico

## Puerto Vallarta

For the eighth year in a row, we plan to have the Mexican Feast in beautiful and sunny Puerto Vallarta. It will be held at the same place, Hotel Friendly Puerto Vallarta, offering an all-inclusive package at very reasonable prices. This site has activities for all ages, especially for children. With three pools and two jacuzzis, a beachfront and many activities within the hotel, this has become a very popular site for families with children and teens. We are planning to have the baby turtle release, a children's party and much more. Translations to English will be available during services.

Puerto Vallarta is considered a safe zone in Mexico with thousands of tourists from

cruise ships visiting the city every week. The hotel is close to the downtown area with plenty of transportation available and a large supermarket in front of the hotel with a currency exchange office. We have had the Feast there for seven years and have had no safety or security problems. Even though it is on a Pacific shore, it still has a semi-tropical climate with very few mosquitos. Temperatures can range from the high 70s to the mid-90s and at times fairly high humidity.

Chefs prepare excellent buffets from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. (with other food available round the clock, and no pork or shellfish will be served during our stay). There are also free drinks available, including wine, beer, tropical juices, cocktails and soft drinks. There are five restaurants within the premises, including an elegant Mexican restaurant, two standard restaurants, a sushi shop and a beach restaurant that also serves thin pizzas baked in a brick oven. Also a coffee and ice cream station is in the lobby. All these services are included in your daily rate, and children up to 6 years old don't have to pay at all.

**First Service:** 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23 in the Second Floor Hotel Ballroom.

**Transportation to Hotel:** We can arrange transportation for a small fee from the airport that is 15 minutes from the hotel for anyone that has signed up and given their flight information three weeks prior to the start of the Feast.

**Activities:** The hotel is on the oceanfront with a nice sandy beach, and the seawater is warm. The facility includes three pools (two are adult pools), two jacuzzis, a full spa and gym, with one-hour Swedish massages at 30 percent discount for our group! There is also a free tennis court, a children's play center and several Mexican shows (in-house) that will be provided. The meeting hall is within the premises so there is no need to rent a car.

Just as the previous years, we are planning a pirate cruise around the bay that goes to a private beach with snorkeling and meals included and a visit to the zoo (these activities will be available at an additional cost and are subject to change).

In addition, you can arrange different activities on your own such as visiting the Swim With Dolphins waterpark, deep-sea fishing by contracting a boat at the beach and zip lining. All these arrangements can be made directly with the hotel's tourism office on the first floor.

**Reservations and Information:** Please visit [www.regpacks.com/vallartafot](http://www.regpacks.com/vallartafot). You need to create an account and fill out the initial application. Once accepted, you will be able to make your housing arrangements through the same website, as well as pay for your housing, choose your activities and sign up for volunteer opportunities. Registration opens on April 1, and there will be a \$300 deposit per room due June 1. We expect the site to fill completely so sign up as soon as possible. Final payment is due Aug. 15 and



*Puerto Vallarta, Mexico*

can be scheduled through this same website.

*Mario Seiglie*

## Hotel Friendly

\$95	single adult occupancy
\$143	double adult occupancy
\$175	triple adult occupancy (2 beds only)
\$225	quadruple adult occupancy (2 beds only)
\$30	rate for children (7-12 years old)
Free	children (0-6 years old)

Group rates can be extended for three days before and three days after the Feast.

These rates include all food costs. Taxes and gratuity are already included, although we encourage giving some extra tips since the hotel staff earns so little. All the rooms have air conditioning, a balcony or terrace and a full or partial ocean view (cribs and a limited amount of small refrigerators are available as a special request).

# Nigeria

The Feast site in Nigeria takes place in the southwestern state of Osundeko. The location is not decided yet as of the date of printing. However, it will be located in one of two places within a 20-minute drive of each other. Both are about a five-hour drive out of Lagos, the commercial capital, in a serene semi-urban town in the state. At the Feast site in Nigeria everyone will stay at the same hotel complex and have meals together twice a day. Fresh air, a rural setting and serene environment with emphasis on family and togetherness always characterizes our Feasts. Transportation to the Feast site for any international visitor is guaranteed. Contact Oludare Akinbo at [info@ucgnigeria.org](mailto:info@ucgnigeria.org), or +2348033233193 for more information.

*Oludare Akinbo*

# New Zealand

## Orewa

We are excited to announce that the Feast of Tabernacles this year will be kept in the quiet little beachside town of Orewa, within an hour's drive north of Auckland (on New

Zealand's North Island).

If you are considering coming to New Zealand for the Feast, we strongly recommend you book accommodation early as the New Zealand school holidays begin on Friday Sept. 28.

There is plenty of accommodation; you can choose from the rustic feel of a cabin at the Top Ten Holiday Park or a posh holiday home on the cliffs overlooking the beach, or one of the many places within walking distance of the venue.

**Internet searches for accommodation:** holidayhouses.co.nz, bookabach.co.nz, booking.com, or Margay Property Management [www.margay.co.nz](http://www.margay.co.nz).

There are plenty of restaurants and cafes, with a variety of food types. Three major grocery stores are within 10 minutes drive, two are within walking distance of the venue (Orewa Community Centre). There are plenty of activities of every type available in the area—beach and water activities such as kayaking, paddle boarding and kite surfing, walking, hiking, playgrounds, thermal hot pools just over the hill in Waiwera, Wenderholm Regional Park, Snow Planet, go-karts, glass bottom boats, wineries, honey center, olive groves, spa services, chocolate-making shops, and other amazing beaches and parks further up the coast. There are also great shops—plenty of stores, boutiques, and second hand shops, or the Albany Mall that is a short drive south.

The average temperatures in Orewa during the Feast (springtime in the Southern Hemisphere) is generally 9-17 degrees Celsius (50-65 Fahrenheit), although with subtropical weather patterns it can feel a bit warmer than the numbers suggest.

**Orewa Beach:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cjpkMVeJvR4>

Please contact Daniel and Linda Porteous at [porteousx4@hotmail.com](mailto:porteousx4@hotmail.com) to register.

*Daniel & Linda Porteous*

## Philippines

### Baguio City

Baguio is a city in the northern mountain province of Benguet in the Island of Luzon some 260 kilometers (160 miles) north of Manila. Being one of the very few temperate places in this predominantly warm and humid tropical country, it has been officially known as the Summer Capital of the Philippines.

As in the past seventeen (17) consecutive years, the festival location for this year's Feast of Tabernacles in Baguio City will again be at a Conference Hall of the Girl Scouts of the Philippines (GSP) Ang Ating Tahanan grounds. The hall where services will be held can easily accommodate as many as 150 attendees.

The GSP Ang Ating Tahanan grounds have cottages, rooms and dormitory-type accom-



*Visayas, Philippines*

modations where brethren can lodge within short walking distance of the service hall. But for those who are more adventurous and prefer to stay outside the festival grounds, nearby hotels and inns are also available. Costs of accommodations range from U.S. \$7 per person per day for dormitory-type accommodations to U.S. \$80 per night for nearby hotel room accommodations.

This year, we are again expecting 120 to 140 in attendance. These will mostly be brethren coming from the Luzon Island region of the country. But as in past years, we always welcome and are looking forward to welcoming overseas brethren who would want to enjoy and celebrate the Feast with us this year.

**Location of Services:** New conference hall of the Girl Scouts of the Philippines (GSP) Ang Ating Tahanan grounds along South Drive, Baguio City, Philippines

**First Service:** 7 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23.

**Reservations:** Those interested may get in touch with Rey Evasco by e-mail at [rey.evasco@gmail.com](mailto:rey.evasco@gmail.com) or by Viber/mobile phone at +63(917) 814 7826 or by mail at MCPO Box 4774, Makati City 1287, Philippines.

*Rey Evasco*

### Davao City

Once again, GSP Camp Alano, the regional training center of the Girl Scouts of the Philippines in Dalião, Toril, Davao City, will serve as the venue for the Feast of Tabernacles for the Mindanao brethren. Compared to other potential sites, Davao City stands out as the most appropriate site for our important annual gathering as it has been the focal point of UCG activities in the region for decades. Also, Davao City is considered the "fruit basket" of the country. Since the Feast of Tabernacles this year falls at the peak of the fruiting season, attendees will have ample opportunity to enjoy the abundance of tropical fruits, particularly the famous durian.

GSP Camp Alano at Toril is approximately 20 kilometers (12.5 miles) from the Davao International Airport. From the city, one can take a taxi straight to the meeting hall as most taxi drivers are familiar with the location. Alternatively, one could take public utility jeepneys to Toril and then take a tricycle taxi to GSP Camp Alano.

Various accommodations are available

at the camp itself, namely air-conditioned rooms at the training center and non-air-conditioned rooms at the White House, duplex, and program center buildings. These accommodations may not be as well equipped as those at other Feast sites, but the warm hearts and hospitality of the brethren will more than make up for the difference.

Those desiring more comfortable lodging with meals could opt to stay in a number of hotels located nearby, which are about 1.5 to 10 kilometers from the venue. Cost per day ranges from \$30 to \$65. When eating out, tips are appreciated but not obligatory. The currency exchange rate is approximately U.S. \$1 = 51Php.

Feast services, Bible studies, forums and other activities will be conducted in English with translations into Cebuano whenever necessary. All these sessions are Bible-based to enable everyone, from young children to once-young senior citizens, to feast on God's spiritual food as well as enjoying the warmth and camaraderie of like-minded brethren in fellowship. This year we are expecting approximately 200 to 220 Feast-goers, mostly brethren from the Mindanao region of the country.

**First service:** 7 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23.

**For reservations and more information:** please contact Mindanao festival coordinator Raul Villacote at: [raul\\_villacote@yahoo.com](mailto:raul_villacote@yahoo.com).

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+63 925 567 8935 (Sun)

*Raul Villacote*

### Visayas

The Feast of Tabernacles and the Eighth Day for Visayas, Philippines, will once again be held in the premier Baybayon Ni Agalon (literally "the Master's Shore") Beach Resort located at the municipality of Albueria in the central-western part of Leyte. The resort provides a millennial Feast setting with its picturesque coast, landscaped lawns, wildlife diversity and beautiful sunsets. Other amenities include a swimming pool, outdoor Jacuzzi, playground, mini zoo and a fish spa. A large function hall that can accommodate 200 to 250 people will be used for church services and other activities.

While we expect that most of the attendees would come from the Visayas islands, brethren from other national and international areas are also welcome to join us in this beautiful site.

Baybayon Ni Agalon Beach Resort is accessible by air, sea or land, depending on your location. Guests coming in from Manila, Bacolod City or Davao City may take a direct flight to Cebu City. Then from Cebu City, take another flight to Ormoc City. Another option is to take a



two-to-three-hour fast ferry boat trip from Cebu to Ormoc City. From Ormoc, a cab or a tricycle can take you to the venue. Most cab drivers know the place, which is just a 15-minute ride away.

Another travel option is by taking a direct flight from Manila or Cebu City to Tacloban City. Then from Tacloban, take a two-to-three-hour van trip to Ormoc City.

**First Service:** 7 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23.

**Reservations:** For reservations and more information, please contact the Visayas festival coordinator, Jose T. Campos, through any of the following means:

**E-mail:** campos\_jt@yahoo.com

**Mobile Numbers:**

+63(998)549-6503 (Smart)

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*Jose Campos*

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**Dormitory Type (25 pax maximum)**

P300/head/night (approx. \$6)

**Tree House 2 (10 pax maximum)**

P2,500/house/night (approx. \$48)

**Tree House 3 (20 pax maximum)**

P1,500/house/night (approx. \$29)

**Meal rate:** P650 (approx. \$13) for all three meals.

\* Brethren who prefer food other than what is served by the resort may order at a different rate. You may also bring in food items without paying a corkage fee.

## South Africa

### Margate

The Feast in South Africa will be in the sea-side town of Margate, on the KwaZulu-Natal

South Coast. This part of the country is a beautiful, relaxed, tranquil subtropical area benefiting from warm Indian Ocean currents.

Margate is just over 160 kilometers south of King Shaka International Airport in Durban—less than a two-hour drive. Margate itself also has a small airport with once-a-day direct flights from O.R. Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg.

Services are held in the Margate Community Hall, an air-conditioned hall with ample parking.

Accommodation in the area is mainly self-catering, and Feastgoers are encouraged to stay in the Laguna La Crete complex. This is a secure, gated facility situated on the sea shore at the mouth of the Uvongo river, with good sea views from many of the units. It's just a 10-minute drive from the meeting hall, and a shuttle service will be

available for those needing transport.

For accommodation at Laguna La Crete, Isella Wallis, office manager, can assist and is available at [UnitedChurchofGod.SA@gmail.com](mailto:UnitedChurchofGod.SA@gmail.com).

Overseas visitors are most welcome and have always enjoyed this Feast site. The value of the local currency makes it particularly appealing for visitors, and the South African brethren always enjoy and appreciate your attendance.

The anticipated 150-plus Feastgoers will find that the emphasis is on fellowship and togetherness, beginning with an opening service and "welcome function," giving the opportunity for fellowship, and ends with a catered lunch between services on the Eighth Day and a "farewell barbecue" later that evening. Various other activities are also planned, along with enough free time to explore the area and enjoy the warm-water beaches.

Planned activities include a family day, a seniors' lunch, a youth activity, a dinner/family dance and two or three interactive Bible studies.

Many other places of interest are also within easy reach, including a marine reserve, a game reserve, a crocodile farm, art galleries, a zipline and a variety of restaurants.

Because the Feast starts on a Sunday evening (Sept. 23 at 7 p.m.), there will probably be a Sabbath service the previous day for those who might already have arrived on the Friday. Please check closer to the time whether this will in fact be the case.

**First Service:** 7 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23.

**Location of Services:** Margate Community Hall in Vikings Road, Margate.

Any further information can be obtained by e-mailing the coordinator, Vivien Botha, at [vivbotha@telkomsa.net](mailto:vivbotha@telkomsa.net).

Looking forward to seeing you there!

*Vivien Botha*

## Sri Lanka

### Passikudah

Still cherishing the memories of the Feast last year, the Sri Lankan brethren extend a warm invitation to the brethren worldwide to attend the Feast of Tabernacles with them at the Amaya Beach Resort and Spa in Passikudah, Sri Lanka.

The beautiful beach resort is nestled on a vast expanse of golden sandy shore with an unspoiled beach and palm trees on the beautiful Passikudah Bay along a stretch of coastline renowned for its calm and shallow waters ideal for swimming and water sports. It is situated 325 kilometers from Colombo on the eastern coastline on the Indian Ocean. The drive will be approximately five to six hours from Colombo. Local brethren will assist to coordinate transportation options from the airport or from the city of Colombo to the Feast site



*Margate, South Africa*

with a cost of approximately \$80 per person round trip (group transport).

All brethren will be staying at the Amaya Beach. The hotel will also be the site for services each day in the Vandeloos Bay Ballroom. Services will be in English. Family day is a traditional favorite in which you'll experience a special afternoon full of surprises and fun, followed by another afternoon of cricket, which the whole family can enjoy. The variety show is sure to be a highlight as there is much talent among the Sri Lankan brethren.

Brethren have the unique and enjoyable opportunity to dine together at the Reef Café, which provides three buffet meals each day, featuring local Sri Lankan dishes as well as excellent international cuisine. The hotel has a spa, fitness center, table tennis room, a large swimming pool and a children's play room. Push cycles can be hired at the hotel for those seeking a ride outside the hotel premise. Rooms are air-conditioned and mostly with a beach view. WiFi is free on request.

A visit to Sri Lanka will be a life-changing experience. If you wish to travel internationally and you earnestly desire to enjoy the company and serve your brothers and sisters who live overseas, the Feast in Sri Lanka would be an exceptional opportunity for you. A visit to this tropical island where food is delicious and the brethren are gracious, friendly and enthusiastically desirous to see the coming of God's Kingdom, is a Feast you'll not soon forget!

We sincerely seek and appreciate your earnest prayers for God's blessing on the Feast in Sri Lanka and on all the Feasts around the world where God has chosen to place His name.

**Lodging and Location of Services:** Amaya Beach, Vandeloos Bay Ballroom in Passikudah

**First Service:** 7 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23.

**Feast Registration:**

Go to <http://ucg-srilanka.org/feast>. A \$45 registration fee (per family) is required and will be applied to the Feast's conference hall expenses.

**Hotel Reservations:** Once you have registered, you will be e-mailed Feast information and updates. You will then be requested to send your international flight details



Togo

and, upon receipt of that information, your reservation for the dates of stay will be confirmed.

**For more information:** e-mail David Schreiber at david\_schreiber@ucg.org or call (507) 377-8151.

*David Schreiber*

### Amaya Beach

www.amayabeach.com

\$100 Single

\$120 Double

\$135 Triple

\*Three buffet meals each day included in room rates.

Rooms are air-conditioned with a beach view, and free WiFi is available on the premises.

If you choose to make your own reservations, you will pay higher standard hotel rates.

## Suriname

“And you shall rejoice before the LORD your God, you and your son and your daughter and your male and female servants and the Levite who is in your town, and the stranger and the orphan and the widow who are in your midst, in the place where the LORD your God chooses to establish His name” (Deuteronomy 16:11, New American Standard Bible).

For the first time ever, you are invited to join us at this small family-friendly, educational and edifying Feast site in Suriname, South America.

This former colony of the Netherlands shares its southern border with Brazil and enjoys a yearlong tropical temperature of 85 degrees Fahrenheit.

Authentic cultures and unique people

from many different origins is what will be experienced. The diversity of people from various parts of the world who retained most of their original customs is peacefully woven together, which is one-of-a-kind in the entire world.

The coastal area is the most populated part of the country alone with its capital, Paramaribo. Maroon and indigenous tribes with well kept ancient traditions and habits have their settlements mainly in the interior of the country.

An assortment of traditions, languages, music, art and cuisine, all inherited from the indigenous, Indian, Indonesian, Chinese, Jewish, African and European ancestors, is indispensable to the present culture that is still holding firm.

The White Beach Resort, an all-inclusive resort, is our Feast site address located on the shores of the Suriname River. It is peacefully tucked in, away from the daily hustles, while inducing a millennial mindset.

The resort will house a total of 60 individuals and consist of 20 standard double rooms and five two-bedroom apartments, with affordable prices. Deposit of one-night's stay is required by July 30.

Sermons will be conducted in both Dutch and English, with translation available.

Tours will be offered to include the Joden Savanna (ruins of Jewish settlement and indigenous village); Dolphin Plantation; the city of Paramaribo; and handicraft/butterfly garden.

Other hotels are in abundance, but for those staying at the White Beach Resort, reservations should be made by contacting Stan Braumuller at stanbraumuller007@yahoo.com or calling (386) 789-3336. You may also call or e-mail him if you have additional questions.

**Registration:** To register for the Feast, which is separate from making the hotel reservation, go to <http://caribbean.ucg.org/content/suriname-south-america>.

**First Service:** 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23. Expected attendance is around 125.

*Chuck Smith*

### The White Beach Resort

\$130 Single room per night

\$165 Double room per night

\$260 Apartment per night

Lodging includes breakfast, lunch and dinner with beverage package consisting of coffee, tea, juices, local beer and rum (limited). Available for your enjoyment: swimming at

the White Beach in the river or the newly installed pool.

\* The resort will house a total of 60 individuals and consist of 20 standard double rooms and five two-bedroom apartments, with affordable prices. Deposit of one-night's stay is required by July 30, 2018.

## Togo

### Kpalime

This year the Feast will take place in Kpalime, 120 kilometers from Lome the capital city. Kpalime is set next to a beautiful mountain range. The Feast time is during the rainy season so there will be an abundance of fruits. It will be pleasant to have brethren come visit in Togo. If you are interested in attending the Feast in Kpalime, Togo please contact Kossi Fiaboe at fiaboeakossi@yahoo.fr.

*Kossi Fiaboe*

## United States

### Anchorage, Alaska

For the fifth time, Anchorage is being sponsored as a “specialty site” for the Feast of Tabernacles in 2018.

We will be scheduling daily Sabbath services with two services planned for the Eighth Day. A Friday night Bible study is planned as well as a women's luncheon. Preteen and teen Bible studies will be planned as well.

The 200-300 expected attendees will again be hosted by the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel and Spa for both housing and meeting space.

This 16-story hotel features 375 comfortable guest rooms with museum-quality sculpture and artwork and has earned an international reputation for dining excellence and friendly service. The impressive Atrium lobby features a jade staircase and a native Alaskan design motif.

Anchorage offers the convenience, excitement and ambience of a small but cosmopolitan city nestled into the upper reaches of historic Cook Inlet. Recreational and cultural activities coexist within walking distance of each other year round. Wildlife viewing, fishing, hiking, biking and cross-country ski trails are minutes from downtown. Anchorage is a jumping off place for a myriad of wilderness and outdoor adventures, including some of the world's most famous fishing and wildlife areas: Kenai National Moose Range, Kenai River, Prince William Sound, Denali

### Feature Codes:

a Apartment/condominium  
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p Children's play area in or nearby  
r Restaurant on premises or adjacent  
s Suites

sh Shower facilities  
sf Shopping facilities nearby  
st Steep grades or many steps  
sw Sewer  
te Tent facilities  
UF Children under specified age are free  
w In walking distance of meeting facility  
wa Water  
wf Waterfront  
yl Provide your own linen  
yu Provide your own kitchen utensils

National Park, Katmai National Park, Alaska Botanical Garden, Ben Boeke and Dempsey Anderson Ice Arenas, Lake Hood Air Harbor, Hilltop, Alyeska and Alpenglow Ski Areas, Alaska Zoo and the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge.

At this time, Church sponsored activities have not been finalized, but group activities will be arranged. An RV company will be offering discounts to Church members for pre- and post-Feast travel and that information can be found on the Anchorage webpage ([www.ucg.org/members/feast](http://www.ucg.org/members/feast)) under posts or go to [www.greatalaskanholidays.com](http://www.greatalaskanholidays.com). When you call identify yourself as with the United Church of God.

**Hotel Reservations:** Registration will begin in the spring of 2018. A two-night, non-refundable deposit is required for this specialty Feast site per room and will be assessed by the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel when you make a reservation.

**Registration:** Due to the Church being directly responsible and liable to the Sheraton Anchorage for the hotel rooms reserved and for providing the complimentary meeting space, all attendees must stay at the Sheraton. Exceptions to this will be members living in Anchorage or through prior approval.

**Location of Services:** Sheraton Hotel Anchorage, 401 E 6th Av, Anchorage, AK 99501

**First service:** 7: 30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23 in the meeting room, which is located on the second floor.

**For more information:** write to [USFestival@ucg.org](mailto:USFestival@ucg.org) or call (314) 802-8680. And there will be updates posted on the Anchorage Feast site website.

*Vince Szymkowiak*

#### **Sheraton Hotel Anchorage**

\$118 standard rooms and  
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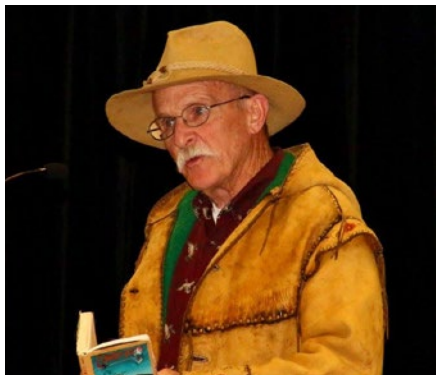
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Under 18 free and third and fourth adults \$10 each, local occupancy tax is 12%. Anchorage has no sales tax. Parking is complimentary.

#### **Bend-Redmond, Oregon**

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Feast here in the Bend-Redmond area. This high desert setting with spectacular views of the Cascade Mountains offers Feastgoers access to a truly millennial setting. September usually offers warm, sunny days and crisp, cool nights, providing beautiful autumn weather during the festival season.

You will find much to explore in the diverse topography, including piney woods, mountain peaks and desert plains. With the earlier festival dates this year, many of the area attractions will be open including Newberry National Volcanic Monument just south of Bend. Here you can explore the volcanic past of this area and climb on lava flows that go on for miles. You can walk the 5.5-mile paved sun-lava path to see the lava flows, Deschutes



*Bend, Oregon*

River and Behnam Falls, or you can visit the Lava River Cave and bring your headlamps and lanterns to explore the mile long lava cave. Drive up to the top of Lava Butte, and you will get a view from a 5,000-foot vantage point to see the entire area.

Also south of Bend is the Smithsonian affiliated High Desert Museum. Where wild meets West, you will come eye-to-eye with a raptor and join in the family-friendly, hands-on learning available to teach you about the wildlife, habitat and rich history of the high desert. Finish the day with either shopping in the outlet mall or in the Old Mill District located on the scenic banks of the Deschutes River, featuring shops, restaurants and a scenic walking trail along the river. The old downtown area of Bend with its wide variety of shops and restaurants offers an enjoyable afternoon activity.

Outdoor activities include sightseeing, hiking and biking trails, horseback riding, rock climbing, caves to explore, agate and fossil hunting, fishing, canoeing, boating and whitewater rafting. Golfers will enjoy some of the nation's best courses.

The small Western-themed tourist town of Sisters provides a great place to window shop and pick up some souvenirs. The resort village of Sunriver offers shopping, dining, a nature center, an indoor sports center and a water park. Just north of Redmond is Smith Rock State Park with scenic views, deep river canyons, excellent rock climbing with several thousand climbs available and miles of trails to walk, bike or hike.

This year we are planning some activities to take advantage of the earlier festival time to allow everyone to enjoy the area to its fullest.

Services are held in a spacious facility with plenty of parking, scenic grounds for picnicking and outdoor activities, and an on-site RV area with full hookups.

**Location of Services:** Deschutes County Fair and Expo Center, Middle Sister Conference Room, 3800 SW Airport Way, Redmond (easy to find and conveniently located less than a mile from the Bend-Redmond airport).

*Jeff Richards*

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\$150-350 5- and 6-bedroom condo/house

\$65-250 one-time cleaning fee

*Features:* a, sf, l, p, ip, kq, ac, fw, n, rates based on 8 nights, 34 miles from site, on 8 nights pay for 4. Rates listed per night. Larger homes available, call for details.

#### **Comfort Suites**

(541) 504-8900

(541) 504-1316 fax

[www.choicehotels.com](http://www.choicehotels.com)

2243 SW Yew Ave.

Redmond, OR 97756

\$109 1-2 people

\$129 1 bedroom

\$5 extra person

*Features:* h, k, sf, l, hr, ip, kq, ac, s, e, fw, cb, U18F, spa, fitness room, indoor pool is salt water, continental breakfast is beef and turkey products, 0.6 mile from site, 14 units available.

#### **Deschutes County Fairground**

(541) 548-2711 x-7949

[www.expo.deschutes.org](http://www.expo.deschutes.org)

2243 SW Yew Ave.

Redmond, OR 97756

*Features:* c, ec, sw, wa, te, d, on site, 10 tent sites that offer electric and a shared water source available. Call for rates.

#### **Eagle Crest Resort**

(541) 923-2453

**(800) 682-4786**

(541) 504-1744 fax

[www.eagle-crest.com](http://www.eagle-crest.com)

1522 Cline Falls Hwy.

Redmond, OR 97756

\$104 motel, 2 queens

\$114 1-bedroom suite, 1-4 people

\$160 2-bedroom condo, 2-6 people

\$190 3 bedroom condo, 2-8 people

\$265 3 bedroom house

\$265 4 bedroom condo

\$295 4 bedroom house

*Features:* h, a, k, r, l, p, ip, op, kq, ac, s, e, fw, n, rates are good for 2 nights before or after. 1,800-acre resort has two 18-hole championship golf courses, 18-hole putting course, 18-hole mid-iron course, a sports center (with indoor pool, two jacuzzis, full aerobic and weight room, indoor basketball and spa treatments), outdoor tennis and equestrian center, 8 miles from site.

#### **Greenway Motel**

(541) 548-4591

**(866) 971-4595**

517 W. Birch Ave.

Redmond, OR 97756

\$35 1 bed, 1 person

\$45 2 beds, 1-2 people

\$5 extra person



*Features:* h, r, sf, kq, ac, fw, all rooms have a microwave and refrigerator, 3 miles from site, 15 units available.

### Hub Motel

(541) 548-2101

(541) 548-1301 fax

1128 NW 6th St.

Redmond, OR 97756

\$45 1 bed, 1 person, microwave/refrigerator

\$55 2-bed suite, 2 people, some with kitchens

\$65 3 bedrooms, 3 people, kitchen

\$5 extra person

*Features:* h, r, sf, p, kq, ac, yu, fw, U12F, \$5 per day for pet (1 pet per unit), 4 miles from site, 18 units available.

### Redmond Inn

(541) 548-1091

(800) 833-3259

(541) 548-0415 fax

1545 Hwy. 97 S.

Redmond, OR 97756

\$47 1 bed, 1-2 people

\$57 2 beds, 2 people

\$55 1 bedroom, 1-2 people, kitchenette

\$5 extra person

*Features:* h, k, l, ac, r, op, sf, p (\$5 per night), kq (queen), fw, U5F, cb, microwave/refrigerator and coffee maker in all units, kitchen units are non-smoking units, outdoor pool is heated, 2 miles from site, 35 units available. First night deposit required

### Branson, Missouri

Brethren attending the Feast in Branson will be holding their services at Presleys' Country Jubilee. This well maintained, modern auditorium offers comfortable seating and a mezzanine for small group gatherings. There is also a "cry room" for fussy babies that has audio and window viewing into the back of the theater. The parking lot is level with good access to the building for those needing assistance. Unfortunately, a separate fragrance-free room is not available.

Presleys' is located in the heart of Branson, a widely recognized, family-oriented resort town located in the hardwood-forested hills of the Ozarks. Fall colors provide a stunning, millennial setting during the Feast. An afternoon drive through the spectacular scenery brings you into close contact with God's beautiful creation.

In addition to its natural beauty, Branson is home to several museums including the Veterans Memorial Museum and the

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USFestival@ucg.org.

Titanic Museum. Showboat Branson Belle and the Branson Scenic Railway present enjoyable excursions into the local countryside. Kids will love the go-cart tracks and miniature golf courses. Fritz's Adventure is a new dynamic family attraction that brings the excitement of outdoor adventure into a multi-dimensional indoor environment! Music enthusiasts are treated to at least 90 live music shows. This year the Sight and Sound Theatre presents *Samson*.

Branson Landing offers waterfront shopping and dining in many upscale shops and fine restaurants. The College of the Ozarks is minutes away and is recognized for its unique values-driven program. Campus services open to the public include dining and a gift shop.

The recently opened "Top of the Rock" Ancient Ozark Natural History Museum explores the rich past of the Ozarks. This venue also includes the Lost Canyon Cave and Nature Trail. Dogwood Canyon Nature Park is a nature preserve open for hiking, biking and tram tours.

Branson has a wide variety of housing options ranging from first-class hotels to kitchenettes and cabins. Also available are many reasonably priced condos overlooking the hills or lakes.

Weather during the Feast is usually mild with lows in the 50s and highs in the 60s and 70s.

**Location of Services:** Presleys' Country Jubilee, 2920 W. 76 Country Blvd., Branson, MO 65616.

**First Service:** 10:30 a.m., Monday, Sept. 24. No opening night service.

**Taxes:** Vary from 6 to 12 %.

Joe & Pat Dobson

### 1st Inn Branson

(417) 334-7000

(417) 336-5015 fax

www.1stinnbranson.com

2719 W. Hwy. 76

Branson, MO 65616

\$50 flat rate, 1-4 people

*Features:* h, sf, l, hr, w, kq, ac, e, fw, cb

(deluxe), all rooms have coffeemaker, iron, refrigerator, microwave and 32-inch plasma TV, no pets allowed, 0.4 mile from site, 50 units available.

### Golden Arrow Resort

(417) 338-2245

(888) 308-7633

2869 Indian Pointe Rd.

Branson, MO 65616

\$40.50 motel room, 1-2 people

\$45.90-48.60 studio, 1-2 people

\$67.50-99 condo, 2 bedrooms, 2-6 people

*Features:* a, h, k, a, l, wf, kq, ac, fw, n, rates listed are for 7- or more night stay, 8.4 miles from site, 20 minute drive to site

### Hall of Fame Motel

(417) 335-4255

(800) 206-6676 toll free

www.halloffamebranson.com

3005 W. Hwy 76

Branson, MO 65616

\$43 motel room, 1-2 people

\$50 3-room suite, 1-2 people,

king bed, microwave/refrigerator/

jacuzzi

*Features:* h, r, sf, l, hr, w, kq, ac, s, fw, cb, UF16, closest property to Presley Theater (across the street), most rooms have microwave/refrigerator, 0.1 miles from site. Rates available for 2 nights before and after the Feast.

### Hotel Grand Victorian

(417) 336-2935

(800) 324-8751

(417) 336-1932 fax

www.hotelgrandvictorian.com

2325 W. Hwy. 76

Branson, MO 65616

\$67 flat rate, 1-4 people

*Features:* h, r, sf, l, hr, st, p, ip, op, kq, ac, s, e, fw, all rooms have microwave and refrigerator, 0.7 mile from site, 10 units available.

### Hunter's Friend Resort

(417) 338-2849

(800) 338-2842

www.huntersfriendresort.com

118 Myrtle Ln.

Branson, MO 65616

\$48 motel, 1-4 persons

\$64 kitchenette, 4 persons

\$80 2 bedroom efficiency, 2-4 people

\$84 2 bedroom, 8 people

\$135 3 bedroom, 2-6 people

\$10 Extra person

### Feature Codes:

a Apartment/condominium

ac Air conditioning

bb Bed and Breakfast

c Campground

cb Continental breakfast included

d Dump station

e Elevator

ec Electric

fw Free wireless

h Hotel/motel

hr Equipped for the handicapped

ip Indoor swimming pool

k Kitchenettes/efficiencies

kq King/queen beds

l Laundry facilities on premises

n No maid service

op Outdoor swimming pool

or Online reservations available

p Children's play area in or nearby

r Restaurant on premises or adjacent

s Suites

sh Shower facilities

sf Shopping facilities nearby

st Steep grades or many steps

sw Sewer

te Tent facilities

UF Children under specified age are free

w In walking distance of meeting facility

wa Water

wf Waterfront

yl Provide your own linen

yu Provide your own kitchen utensils

*Features:* a, k, r, sf, l, hr, wf, kq, ac, or, fw, n, UF5, lakefront condos with free boatslips, rates based on a 7-night stay, condos have a cleaning fee of \$85, kitchenettes join to motel for 2 rooms—ask for rates, 9 miles from site, all rooms 25 % off for 7 nights, prices good for 2 nights before and after the Feast.

#### **Quality Inn 76**

(417) 334-1194

**(800) 826-0368**

(417) 334-6670 fax

2834 W. Hwy. 76

Branson, MO 65616

\$55.50 flat rate, 1-4 people

*Features:* h, r, sf, l, hr, w, ip, kq, ac, e, fw, free full hot breakfast buffet, 0.2 miles from site, 50 units available.

#### **Residence Inn**

(417) 336-4077

(417) 336-5837 (fax)

[www.residenceinn.com/sgfbr](http://www.residenceinn.com/sgfbr)

280 S. Wildwood Dr.

Branson, MO 65616

\$99 studio, flat rate, 1-4 people

\$104 1-bedroom, flat rate, 1-4 people

\$169 2-bedroom, flat rate, 1-4 people

\$100 one-time nonrefundable fee for pets

*Features:* a, h, sf, l, hr, p, ip, kq, ac, s, e, cb (deluxe), outdoor basketball court, exercise room, 1 mile from site, 15 units available, available 2 nights before and after the Feast.

#### **Thousand Hills Resort**

**(877) 262-0430**

(417) 336-5873

[www.thousandhills.com](http://www.thousandhills.com)

245 S. Wildwood Dr.

Branson, MO 65616

\$65 Queen Suites, 3 people

\$86 King Suites, 1-4 people

\$107 1 bedroom, 1-4 people

\$134 2 bedrooms, 2-6 people

\$195 3 bedrooms, 2-8 people

\$218 2 bedroom/2 bath, lake view, 2-6 people

\$115 1 bedroom cabin

\$149 2 bedroom cabins

\$190 2 bedroom cabin w/ loft

*Features:* a, r, sf, l, hr, p, ip, kq, ac, e, fw, n, s (free midweek maid service), 1 mile from site, 61 units available.

### **Cincinnati, Ohio**

Join us for an exuberant Feast of Tabernacles in Cincinnati, Ohio! Services will be held daily at a new location this year at the Hilton Cincinnati Airport located in Northern Kentucky, which conveniently provides affordable on-site lodging and dining. It is situated just 10 miles from the excitement of downtown Cincinnati. In addition to a range of organized festival activities for Feastgoers of all ages, the beautiful Southwestern Ohio landscape boasts cultural and historic attractions, entertainment venues

and a wide-variety of high-quality restaurants to suit all tastes.

Many scenic parks and gardens adorn the Cincinnati area with relaxing biking and walking trails, including the beautiful Smale Riverfront Park in downtown which provides a unique family-friendly experience in the city. This can be coupled with an afternoon visit to the well known Newport Aquarium or sprawling Cincinnati Zoo, followed by a sunset dinner cruise along the Ohio River to take in stunning views of Newport, Kentucky, on one side and Cincinnati on the other.

Cincinnati affords numerous cultural activities to choose from, including the Cincinnati Museum Center, stargazing at the Cincinnati Observatory, the renowned Taft Art Museum and free entrance to the Cincinnati Art Museum. After a fun-filled afternoon, stop to enjoy a show at either the Cincinnati Music Hall or the Aronoff Center, which regularly feature high-quality concerts and plays. Also within the city limits are the Cincinnati Bengals and Cincinnati Reds stadiums, which are both in season during the Feast this year.

The Creation Museum is only 20 minutes to the west in Petersburg, Kentucky, while 30 minutes to the south is the life-size Ark Encounter in Williamstown, Kentucky. The National Air Force Museum, 70 miles north in Dayton, Ohio, is home to the largest and most extensive collection of U.S. Air Force history in the country.

Discounted housing has been negotiated at the Hilton, and you are encouraged to stay there if your budget allows. If you would like to pursue other options, you may reserve suitable accommodations elsewhere at your discretion.

**First service:** 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23.

We look forward to joyfully worshipping God together with you and your family this year in Cincinnati!

*Steven Britt*

#### **Hilton Cincinnati Airport**

**(800) 445-8667 toll free**

[www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/kentucky/hilton-cincinnati-airport-CVGCHHF/](http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/kentucky/hilton-cincinnati-airport-CVGCHHF/)

7373 Turfway Rd.

Florence, KY 41042

\$83 1-4 people

\$139 Suite

*Features:* h, r, sf, l, hr, w, ip, kq, ac, s, e, fw, or, 96 and 4 units available, free airport shuttle, go to the Cincinnati Feast webpage to make reservations, hotel reservations online, these rates available for 1 night before and after the Feast.

### **Galveston, Texas**

This year the United Church of God will return to Galveston Island to observe the Feast of Tabernacles. With 32 miles of beaches, abundant leisure activities for all



*Cincinnati, Ohio*

ages, excellent restaurants and Feast-favorite housing accommodations, every Feast-goer will enjoy Galveston.

Recreational opportunities include the Pleasure Pier (an amusement park opened in 2012), Schlitterbahn Waterpark, Moody Gardens (part theme park, part educational and rehabilitative facility housing a 10-story rainforest, one of the world's largest aquariums and an educational Discovery Museum) and the first 3D IMAX theater in the country. Docked at Moody Gardens, the Colonel, a 750-passenger, 19th-century-style sternwheeler, offers a unique view of the gardens and an enjoyable cruise.

The island offers more than 32 family-friendly attractions. Museums abound with the art deco Railroad Museum, the Ocean Star Offshore Drilling Rig and Museum, the Lone Star Flight Museum and the Texas Seaport Museum, which features the 1877 tall ship Elissa on Pier 21. Galveston is home to the 1894 Grand Opera House (the official opera house of Texas). One of the most popular attractions is the Galveston Island Ferry, which is free.

Everyone will want to stroll the Historic Strand Shopping District with shops, art galleries, restaurants and Pier 21 where you can view *The Great Storm*, a multimedia presentation at the Pier 21 Theater that gives visitors a glimpse of the devastating 1900 storm through a multi-image documentary experience. Hotel and motel prices range from \$35 and up with many kitchen units and condominiums available. All are a short drive to church services.

Daily services will be held in the beautiful Galveston Island Convention Center at the San Luis Resort. It is across the street from the beach, offering great views. For those flying in, two major airports in Houston are convenient.

Temperatures should range from 74 to 85 degrees.

**Location of Services:** Galveston Island Convention Center at The San Luis Resort, 5600 Seawall Blvd., Galveston, TX 77551.

**First Service:** 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23.

**Taxes:** Total hotel tax 15%, state sales tax 8.25% and 6.75% local sales tax.

*Gary Smith*

**Baymont Inn & Suites**

(409) 744-3000

(409) 477-3021 fax

www.baymontinn.com

2826 63rd Street

Galveston, TX 77551

\$75-\$85 2-4 people

*Features:* h, sf, l, hr, kq, ac, e, fw, cb, all rooms have microwave, refrigerator and balcony, 1 mile from site, 25 units available, rates available 3 nights before and after the Feast.

**Beachcomer Inn**

(409) 744-7133

**(800) 733-1354 toll free**

(409) 744-2049 fax

http://beachcomberinngalveston.

magnusonhotels.com

2825 61st Street

Galveston, TX 77551

\$53 2 beds or 1 king / 2 people

\$5 Extra person

*Features:* h, r, sf, l, hr, op, kq, ac, fw, cb, 1 mile from site, mention "Church of God" when reserving, 20 units available

**Casa del Mar Beachfront Suites**

(409) 740-2431

**(800) 392-1205 toll free**

www.casadelmartx.com

6102 Seawall Blvd

Galveston, TX 77551

\$89 2 people, apartment

\$5 extra person

*Features:* h, a, r, sf, l, wf, w, op heated, queen beds only, kq, ac, e, fw, cb, U18F, 0.4 miles from site, group code for reservations is "Feast", all rooms have sleeper sofa, 40 units available, rates available 2 nights before and after Feast, maid service once during stay

**Four Points by Sheraton**

(409) 974-4796

www.fourpointsgalveston.com

2300 Seawall Blvd.

Galveston, TX 77550

\$89 2 people, apartment

\$5 extra person

*Features:* h, r, sf, hr, op, kq, ac, fw, 2.5 miles from site, 25 units reserved, all rooms have microwave and fridge, continental breakfast included in rate.

**Red Roof Inn**

(409) 740-1261

**(800) 733-7663 toll free**

(409) 477-1308 fax

www.redroof.com

5914 Seawall Blvd

Galveston, TX 77551

\$42 2-4 people

*Features:* h, r, sf, op, l, kq, hr, ac, p, e, wf, fw, w, group code for reservations is "United Church of God," all rooms have microwave and fridge, in room safe warranty is \$1.50 per night optional, 40 units reserved, 0.1 mile from the site.

**Ryson Vacation Rentals**

(409) 740-1600

www.GalvestonTxBeachRental.com

2115 61st St., Suite 101

Galveston, TX 77551

Rates vary by house or condo

*Features:* a, sf, l, wf, kq, ac, fw, or, n, cb, 200 condos and homes in Galveston, group reservation code is "UCG" for 10 % discount, cleaning fee included, ask about traveler's insurance, rates available 2 nights before and after Feast, reservation fee is waived.

**Super 8 Motel**

(409) 740-6640

(409) 477-1308 fax

www.Super8Galveston.com

2115 1/2 61st St.

Galveston, TX 77551

\$54 2-4 people

*Features:* h, r, sf, l, hr, op, kq, ac, fw, cb, 0.5 miles from the site, 25 units reserved, make reservations by e-mail at baymontinn@live.com, rates available for 3 nights after Feast.

**Hilton Galveston Island Resort****(877) 425-4753 toll free**

www.galvestonhilton.com

5400 Seawall Blvd

Galveston, TX 77551

\$124 2 people

*Features:* h, r, sf, l, hr, wf, w, op, kq, ac, e, fw, adjacent to site, fitness room, 10 units available.

**Holiday Inn Resort****(800) 465-4329 toll free**

www.ihg.com

5002 Seawall Blvd

Galveston, TX 77551

\$114 2 people

*Features:* h, r, sf, l, hr, wf, w, op, kq, ac, e, fw, 0.4 miles from site, fitness center, tennis court, kids island, rainforest river ride, 10 units available.

**Feature Codes:**

a Apartment/condominium

ac Air conditioning

bb Bed and Breakfast

c Campground

cb Continental breakfast included

d Dump station

e Elevator

ec Electric

fw Free wireless

h Hotel/motel

hr Equipped for the handicapped

ip Indoor swimming pool

k Kitchenettes/efficiencies

kq King/queen beds

l Laundry facilities on premises

n No maid service

op Outdoor swimming pool

or Online reservations available

p Children's play area in or nearby

r Restaurant on premises or adjacent

s Suites



Glacier Country, Montana

**Glacier Country, Montana**

Again the beautiful and majestic area of Northwest Montana known as Glacier Country will host the Feast of Tabernacles. This region of Montana is world renowned for its mountains, rivers and wilderness areas—especially Glacier National Park, the Bob Marshall Wilderness and Flathead Lake. In addition to the grand landscapes, the small towns abound with great restaurants and shopping opportunities.

This year the Feast site will again be held at the Glacier Bible Camp, which is only 10 miles from the entrance to Glacier National Park. See [www.glacierbiblecamp.org](http://www.glacierbiblecamp.org) for more information. The close proximity to Glacier National Park will allow those who desire to spend time exploring the park to do so without a long drive to get there. This may allow for more excursions to such locations as Pole Bridge and Bowman Lake, East Glacier, Saint Mary Lake, Many Glaciers and Lake Sherrburne. Additionally, with the Feast being earlier this year, we are hoping that the famous "Going to the Sun" highway to Logan Pass will be open.

At Glacier Bible Camp they call their largest meeting building "the Tabernacle." This building is designed to accommodate 1,000 people with comfortable cushioned chairs. Although we are not expecting anywhere near 1,000 people to attend this site, it does mean we will now be able to accommodate nearly all who desire to come to Montana to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles. (Our attendance in 2017 was 311. We anticipate, due to an earlier Feast, we may exceed 400 this year.)

The Glacier Bible Camp offers a wide range of on-site accommodations. These accommodations make it possible to attend the Feast in Montana very reasonably. Some find the camping and dorm options reminiscent of early Feasts held in Big Sandy, Texas, in the Piney Woods or Booth City. See more infor-

sh Shower facilities

sf Shopping facilities nearby

st Steep grades or many steps

sw Sewer

te Tent facilities

UF Children under specified age are free

w In walking distance of meeting facility

wa Water

wf Waterfront

yl Provide your own linen

yu Provide your own kitchen utensils



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or send an e-mail to

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mation below. All reservations for housing at Glacier Bible Camp need to be made on the website [www.ucg-mt.org](http://www.ucg-mt.org).

**On-site Meals:** The Glacier Bible Camp dining hall will provide reasonably priced meals that anyone can register for whether staying on-site or off-site. Breakfast has two options—full breakfast for \$6 or continental breakfast for \$4. Lunch is \$7, and dinners and brunches are \$8. Children under 5 eat free. Children 5 through 12 are half price. An adult could have all their meals on-site for \$164—from the opening night dinner to breakfast on the day after the Eighth Day/Last Great Day. However, the menu will be available online at [www.ucg-mt.org](http://www.ucg-mt.org), and individuals can determine which meals they'd like to eat on-site. Many have found the fellowship at the shared meals to be one of the highlights of the Montana Feast!

**NOTE:** Glacier Bible Camp also offers gluten-free meals for those who require a gluten-free diet.

**Glacier Country Housing Information:** Although not required, we certainly appreciate the number of families and individuals who do decide to camp or stay in the on-site accommodations. They make it possible to use the Tabernacle as our meeting hall for this Feast site. For more information and registration please go to [www.ucg-mt.org](http://www.ucg-mt.org).

**Registration:** All individuals desiring to coming to the Glacier Country Feast site need to register on both websites below:

[www.ucg.com/members/feast](http://www.ucg.com/members/feast)

[www.ucg-mt.org](http://www.ucg-mt.org)

Although many will be staying on-site, there are many off-site options to choose from when it comes to housing. There are many motels, cabins, campgrounds, resorts, bed-and-breakfasts and vacation homes in the area. Members are free to find whatever housing best suits their needs. However, many have found that staying on-site, although maybe more rustic than many other sites, has helped them enjoy the increased opportunities for fellowship.

**First Service:** 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23, at the Tabernacle building on the Glacier Bible Camp campus.

The local Kalispell congregation will also be having Sabbath services at 2 p.m., Sept. 22, just prior to the Feast, at Glacier Bible Camp. For those who are camping or staying on-site in any of the dormitory-type rooms, they may sign up to arrive at the camp as early as Friday, Sept. 21. However, Glacier View Lodge (motel-style rooms) will not be available until after 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23.

*Dan Deininger*

## On-site camping options at Glacier Bible Camp include:

- \$10 Per night/tent sites
- \$15 Per night/tent site with electricity
- \$20 Per night/camper site with water and electricity
- \$35 Per night/full RV hookup site with water, power and sewer hookup

## On-site dorm or cabin options at Glacier Bible Camp include:

- \$25 Per night/Small eight-bed bunk houses (sharing camp washrooms) six available.
- \$35 Per night/Larger bunk houses with options that sleep 6 to 16 people.
- \$45 Per night/Family dorm-style rooms with one queen bed and two bunk beds that accommodate a family of six. (Shared large, nice bathrooms on each floor—one for men, one for women.) These rooms are similar to a motel room, minus the private bathroom—and designed for families, 50 rooms available.
- \$65 Per night/Motel-style rooms with two queen beds and private bathroom with bedding. Due to limited camp staffing, bedding is not changed during the Feast. Towels will be changed only one time mid-Feast—28 rooms available.
- \$85-\$110 Per night There are just a few cabins that include private baths and kitchens or kitchenettes. Only three available.

\*NOTE: With the exception of Glacier View Lodge, these prices do not include bedding. Please plan to bring your own bedding and towels. Also please note that Glacier Bible Camp has a no alcohol policy, which we honor. Whether camping or staying in one of the dorms, you need to plan to have your drinks when at meals or socializing off-site. \*\*Also, there are no additional taxes on these rooms.

**Shared Rooms:** If you desire to share a room at the Feast and need a roommate, please contact Brett Wills either via e-mail at [brettwills@comcast.net](mailto:brettwills@comcast.net) or at (425) 283-6845.

## Other Off-site Housing

Due to the small number of people coming to the Glacier Country Feast site and the large number of rooms available in this national vacation destination area, we do not attempt to negotiate special deals with specific nearby accommodations. You are free to find whatever housing you desire that works best for you and your family or group.

There are a wide range of options available—from motels to resorts to vacation homes. We do encourage you to stay relatively near the site so you won't have too far to travel to services. We suggest housing options from West Glacier (approximately 10 miles east of Glacier Bible Camp), then going west along Highway 2 and Montana Route 40 to Columbia Falls (seven miles)

and on to Whitefish (16 miles).

## Camp-use Fee:

Anyone age 5 and above not staying in Glacier Bible Camp accommodations, or signing up for at least one meal a day, is charged \$2.50 per person per day (\$20 for the entire festival).

## Jekyll Island, Georgia

In 1963, thousands of Church members traveled to Jekyll Island, Georgia, for the first Feast of Tabernacles to be observed on this historic and tranquil island. They were greeted with perhaps the largest tent anyone had seen, pitched by the ocean's shore. In that tent, God's Church assembled daily during the Feast of Tabernacles to worship and praise Him. Anyone who kept the Feast of Jekyll Island during those years has fond memories that will never fade.

Now, 55 years later, the Feast of Tabernacles is still being observed on this island. The large tent is gone, replaced by the new and beautiful Jekyll Island Convention Center. Coupled with the continuing serene, millennial setting of the island, now rich with the history of Feast of Tabernacles observance here, this site holds a unique appeal for Feastgoers, ideal for worship and fellowship.

Daily services, Bible studies, youth Bible lessons and other events will be held at the Jekyll Convention Center. Other activities planned to complement the Feast experience will include a senior's luncheon, family day at Great Dunes Park and Beach Pavilion, a teen activity, singles dinner, a golf tournament scramble and other recreational opportunities that will take advantage of the island's natural features.

The island offers numerous and varied opportunities for group, family and individual activities. Miles of unspoiled white sand beaches, miles of bike and walking trails, horseback riding, dolphin tours, golf, miniature golf, fishing (requires a license) and just relaxing on the beach are popular activities readily available on the island. The Tidelands Nature Center offers guided kayak and canoe rentals, as well as nature walks and indoor and outdoor exhibits to help you explore island and sea life. For those interested in history, the charm of the Jekyll Historic District, located along the Intracoastal Waterway, can be toured by tram or foot.

A wide variety of festival housing is available on the island in rented homes, hotels and condominiums. There is also a recently built shopping center adjacent to the Convention Center, which includes a variety of unique shops and restaurants.

For those who enjoy camping, the Jekyll Island Campground offers 18 wooded acres on the Island's north end, with over 200 sites from tent sites to full hook-up, pull-through RV sites with electricity, cable TV, water and sewage.

Average daytime temperatures in October are in the 70s Fahrenheit with nighttime lows in the 60s, with the possibility of showers.



Jekyll Island, Georgia

Major airports for arrival and departure are Jacksonville, Florida, and Savannah, Georgia, which are both approximately an hour away, and Brunswick, Georgia, which is within 20 miles of the site. A rental car is advised. There is a small toll per vehicle each day one enters the island. Weekly vehicle passes are also available.

**Location of Services:** Jekyll Island Convention Center

**First Service:** 7:30 p.m., Sunday Sept. 23

**Taxes:** Local tax is 5%; state tax is 7%, plus \$5 a night state of Georgia hotel tax.

*Stan Martin*

#### Days Inn

(912) 635-9800

**(888) 635-3003**

(912) 635-2280 fax

www.daysinnjekyll.com

60 S. Beachview Dr.

Jekyll Island, GA 31527

\$73 1-4 people (island side)

\$83 1-4 people (ocean side)

\$108 Efficiency (1-4 people)

**Features:** h, k, sf, l, hr, wf, kq, ac, fw, cb (deluxe), 30 units, rate available 3 nights before and after the Feast, 0.5 miles from site.

#### Hampton Inn & Suites

(912) 635-3733

**(800) 426-7866**

(912) 635-3738 fax #

www.hampton.com

200 S. Beachview Dr.

Jekyll Island, GA, 3127

\$137 Standard room for 1-4 people

\$147 Studio Suites for 1-4 people

**Features:** h, l, hr, wf, op, kg, ac, s, e, fw, or, cb, group code is "United Church of God." Online reservations use special code of "UCG." Online reservations: <http://group>.

[hamptoninn.com/UnitedChurchOfGod](http://hamptoninn.com/UnitedChurchOfGod), all rooms with microwave/refrigerator, lobby bar with tapas menu, hotel has whirlpool, bike rental and fitness center, rates listed are available for two nights before or after the festival based upon availability, 5 units reserved.

#### Jekyll Realty

(912) 635-3301

**(888) 333-5055**

(912) 635-3303 fax

www.jekyll-island.com

P.O. Box 13096

Jekyll Island, GA 31527

\$85-600 house

**Features:** a, sf, l, op, kq, ac, n, request brochure.

#### Parker-Kaufman Realty

(912) 635-2512

**(888) 453-5955**

(912) 635-2190

www.parker-kaufman.com

21 Main St. Suite 103

Jekyll Island, GA 31527

\$64-656 1-6 bedrooms, 2-8 persons

**Features:** a, sf, l, p, op, kq, ac, fw, yl, n, call on Monday, request brochure, provide own linens or rent them, cleaning fee not included in rates.

#### Villas by the Sea

(912) 635-2521

**(800) 841-6262**

(912) 635-2569 fax

www.villasbythesearesort.com

1175 N. Beachview Dr.

Jekyll Island, GA 31527

\$79 hotel mini villa, 2 people

\$89-99 1 bedroom, 1-4 people

\$139-149 2 bedroom, 2-6 people

\$165-175 3 bedroom, 2-6 people

**Features:** a, k, r, sf, l, hr, op, kq, ac, s, fw, 3.5 miles from site, 34 units available, rates good for 3 nights before and after the Feast, excellent value. Add 12 % tax and 5 % resort fee to prices

#### Lake George, New York

Come and enjoy the 2018 Feast of Tabernacles in New York's beautiful Adirondack Region. Lake George is a 32-mile-long lake fed by mammoth underground springs and is described as one of the most beautiful bodies of water in the world. A drive to the top of Prospect Mountain will reward you with breathtaking views of the lake and mountains as far away as Vermont and New Hampshire.

With temperatures in the 50s and 60s the brilliant fall foliage will provide a stunning backdrop for the spiritual Feast we all look forward to. Opportunities abound for hiking, biking, scenic cruising the lake, horseback riding, dining out and shopping. The lake is surrounded by more than a dozen quaint little towns and villages.

The area is rich in early American history, but there are many other attractions, such as a performing arts theater, a world-class art museum, the Six-Flags Great Escape Theme Park, miniature golf, family fun centers, boating, fishing, golfing and year-round "snow" tubing.

A wonderful group dinner cruise for all ages with live entertainment will be offered during the Feast of Tabernacles. Pre-registration is required.

Another very special feature of this site will be a Friday evening roundtable discussion with meaningful topics provided to each table.

Services will be held at the Fort William Henry Conference Center, overlooking the lake. This location is ideal for lingering conversations and fellowship. Parking is conveniently located onsite with level parking lots and convenient passenger drop off. Most housing accommodations are within a few minutes' drive. This is a restricted site with capacity between 425. Transfer requests will be approved up to capacity.

**Location of Services:** Fort William Henry Hotel and Conference Center, 48 Canada St., Lake George, NY 12845 (approximately one hour north of the Albany International Airport [ALB] and two hours south of the Canadian border).

**First Service:** 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23.

**Taxes:** 11% (NY State sales tax 7% + Occupancy tax 4%)

*Jay Ledbetter*

#### Fort Williams Henry Hotel

(518) 668-3081

**(800) 234-0267**

www.fortwilliamhenry.com

48 Canada St.

Lake George, NY 12845

\$89 standard room, 1-4 people

\$119 premium room, 1-4 people

\$169 grand king, 1-4 people

**Features:** h, r, sf, hr, wf, ip, kq, ac, s, e, fw, adjacent to Feast site, 67 units reserved, 18 acre property with historic Fort William museum, shops, restaurants, lawn games, rates available for 3 nights before and after Feast.

#### Feature Codes:

a Apartment/condominium

ac Air conditioning

bb Bed and Breakfast

c Campground

cb Continental breakfast included

d Dump station

e Elevator

ec Electric

fw Free wireless

h Hotel/motel

hr Equipped for the handicapped

ip Indoor swimming pool

k Kitchenettes/efficiencies

kq King/queen beds

l Laundry facilities on premises

n No maid service

op Outdoor swimming pool

or Online reservations available

p Children's play area in or nearby

r Restaurant on premises or adjacent

s Suites

sh Shower facilities

sf Shopping facilities nearby

st Steep grades or many steps

sw Sewer

te Tent facilities

UF Children under specified age are free

w In walking distance of meeting facility

wa Water

wf Waterfront

yl Provide your own linen

yu Provide your own kitchen utensils

### Country Cottages

(518) 668-0488

(888) 372-4909

www.LakeGeorgCottages.com

31 Vito Rd.

Diamond Point, NY 12824

\$375 efficiency, 2 people

\$650 1 bedroom, 1-4 people

\$895 2 bedrooms, 2-4 people

\$1195 3 bedrooms, 2-6 people

*Features:* h, a, l, wf, kq, ac, fw, n, tax not included in rates, 12% tax, 19 units reserved, rates for total nights up to 9 nights, play area, bbq, game room, fitness center, video game room, some units have gas fireplaces.

### Econo Lodge Downtown Lake

(518) 668-2689

www.econolodgelakegeorge.com

439 Canada St.

Lake George, NY 12845

\$59 2 people

*Features:* h, r, sf, l, hr, ip, op, kq, ac, e, fw, cb, 0.7 miles from Feast site, 25 units reserved, all rooms have fridge and Jacuzzi, rate available for 3 days before and after Feast, children 18 and under free.

### LG Beach Cottages

(518) 668-3332 ext. 425

www.lakegeorgebeachcottages.com

204 Beach Road

Lake George, NY 12845

\$1300-3100 Studio, 4 bedrooms

Cost is for 8 nights

*Features:* h, sf, kq, ac, fw, n, 1 mile from site, 5 units reserved, bbq grills, full kitchens, living and dining areas, rates good for 3 nights before and after the Feast.

### The Lodge at Cresthaven

(518) 668-3332 ext. 425

(800) 853-1632

www.cresthavenlodge.com

3210 Lake Shore Drive

Lake George, NY 12845

\$1600 6 people for 8 days

*Features:* h, r, sf, l, wf, ip, op, kq, ac, fw, n, 2.5 miles from site, rates available for 3 nights before and after the Feast.

### Oceanside, California

This will be the sixth consecutive year for the United Church of God to host the Feast of Tabernacles and Eighth Day festivals in Oceanside, California and the local community is thrilled to welcome our return. This city, located in northern San Diego County, is known for its wide stretch of beaches and quaint harbor.

We will be meeting at the QLN Conference Center that's a modern, bright yet intimate one-story facility. This is located about four miles inland. It is no further than 10 to 15 minutes from any location in Oceanside or Carlsbad. It can be reached by light rail from downtown Oceanside. We will strive to have a wide range of accommodations

that make this festival site financially available to all.

Oceanside is a casual beach community with beaches, bike trails, a historic wooden pier and harbor village offering a variety of family-friendly activities. Right next-door is the charming beachside community of Carlsbad. The weather should be in the mid-70's to low 80's, which is just right to enjoy swimming, fishing or sailing. Likewise, the amiable weather allows enjoyment of the unlimited outdoor recreation, Legoland, Old Town San Diego, San Diego Zoo and Safari Park, Sea World, Balboa Park, USS Midway Museum and many other visitor attractions are 15 to 45 minutes away. Go 50 minutes to the northeast and you are in the sun-kissed wine country vineyards of Temecula.

The California Welcome Center in Oceanside offers discount tickets to the major attractions and the volunteers are happy to offer suggestions on where to go and how to enjoy your time in Oceanside and San Diego county. To learn more about this location, please visit: [www.visitoceanside.org](http://www.visitoceanside.org)

We are expecting around 450-525 attendees offering all the opportunities of a larger festival site but also granting the intimacy to get acquainted with one another. Most importantly, and our main purpose for assembling, is our worship of God. We will learn more about His marvelous plan of salvation and fellowship with like-minded and like-hearted fellow believers. With this focus in mind, we will have spiritually focused education venues for every age along with special seminars in the afternoon and a night-time Bible study.

**First Service:** 11 a.m., Monday, Sept. 24.

**Location of Services:** QLN Conference Center at 1938 Avenida del Oro, Oceanside, CA 92056

*Robin Webber*

### Courtyard by Marriott

(760) 966-1000

(888) 321-2211

www.marriott.com

3501 Seagate Way

Oceanside, CA 92056

\$129 1-2 people, king bed

*Features:* h, r, sf, hr, op, kq, ac, s, e, fw, or, group code "United Church of God Feast of Tabernacles," 2 miles from site, microwave and refrigerator in all rooms, book online at <http://feast.ucg.org> and click on Oceanside page, 6 units available.

### Days Inn

(760) 722-7661

(760) 722-1168 fax

www.daysinn.com

1501 Carmelo Rd.

Oceanside, CA 92054

\$65 1 bed, king bed

\$75 2 queens

\$10 Extra person



*Oceanside, California*

*Features:* h, sf, l, hr, op, kq, ac, fw, cb, 7 miles from site, within walking distance of Oceanside Harbor with restaurants shopping and the beach, rates available for 2 nights before and after Feast, children 17 and under are free, 20 units reserved.

### Holiday Inn Oceanside Marina - Camp Pendleton

(760) 231-7000

www.hioceanside.com

1401 Carmelo Drive

Oceanside, CA 92054

\$119 2 people

*Features:* h, r, sf, l, hr, op, kq, ac, e, fw, or, Tuesday Night receptions for all guests with 2 free drinks and appetizers, online reservation code: <http://bit.ly/UCG2018>, within walking distance to Oceanside Harbor and beach.

### Oceanside Beach Rentals

(760) 470-4325

www.oceansidebeachrental.com

Oceanside, CA

See rates online, 10% discount will be added to rates.

*Features:* a, sf, l, hr, p, kq, ac, fw, n, distance to site varies, all properties are beachfront, 3-6 bedroom homes, cleaning fee included in rates.

### Oceanside Beach Vacations

(760) 940-8337

(760) 295-0837 fax

www.oceansidebeachvacations.com

999 North Pacific St.

Oceanside, CA 92056

\$150 Studio, 2 people

\$135-155 1 bedroom condo, 1-4 people

\$165-300 2 bedroom condo, 2-6 people

*Features:* a, sf, l, hr, wf, op, kq, fw, or, n, cb, 7 miles from site, new renovations, rates include rent, tax and cleaning, full kitchens in all units, rates quoted include 5% UCG courtesy discount, enter "UCG Conference" in comments box on reservation form and the discount will be applied once booked online.

### Oceanside Marina Suites

(760) 722-1561

(800) 252-2033

(760) 439-9758 fax

www.omihotel.com





Panama City Beach, Florida

2008 Harbor Dr. N.  
Oceanside, CA 92054

- \$132 Deluxe Studio, 4 persons
- \$132 Deluxe one bedroom suite, 3 persons
- \$179 Deluxe two bedroom suite, 1-5 persons
- \$143 Superior studio suite, 2 persons
- \$143 Superior one bedroom suite, 1-4 persons
- \$189 Superior two bedroom suite, 1-5 persons
- \$169 Premium one bedroom suite, 1-4 persons
- \$5 Parking fee per day

*Features:* h, a, k, sf, l, hr, wf, op, kq, s, fw, or 8 miles from site, this price is good for three days before and after the Feast, \$7 parking fee per day.

#### On the Sand Beach Rentals/North Coast Village

(801) 704-9449  
(866) 263-7245 toll free  
www.on-the-sand.com  
999 N. Pacific St.  
Oceanside, CA 92054

- \$110-165 1 bedroom, 2-4 people
  - \$145-215 2 bedroom, 2-6 people
  - \$160 Cleaning fee for 1 bedroom
  - \$185 Cleaning fee for 2 bedrooms
- Features:* a, sf, l, wf, op, kq, fw, or, n, 7 miles from site, \$75 discount for reserving online with code "unitedchurchofgod" (less than 10 nights, \$50 discount with code), 24 hour secured complex that boasts a resort type feel as you walk through the lush tropical grounds with waterfalls, streams, and koi ponds, putting green, cardio and weight room, 2 heated pools, 2 hot tubs, sauna, party room, game room, laundry facilities, outdoor showers, commercial barbecue grills and outdoor eating area.

#### Residence Inn Oceanside

(760) 722-9600  
(800) 331-3131 toll free  
www.residenceinn.com  
3603 Ocean Ranch Boulevard  
Oceanside, CA 92056

- \$159 studio, 1-4 people
  - \$179 1 bedroom condo, 1-4 people
  - \$209 2 bedroom condo, 2-6 people
- Features:* a, sf, l, hr, p, op, kq, ac, s, e, fw, cb, closest property to meeting facility (2 miles from site), evening social hour with free light fare and drinks, free shopping service, jacuzzi, basketball court, 3 nights before and after Feast at this rate.

#### Rodeway Inn

(760) 722-1904  
www.rodewayinn.com  
1103 North Coast Hwy  
Oceanside, CA 92054

- \$55 1 queen bed
  - \$60 1 king bed
  - \$65 2 queen beds
  - \$85 king bed ocean view
  - \$99 2 queen beds ocean view
- Features:* h, r, sf, hr, op, kq, ac, s, e, fw, 7 miles from site, all rooms micro/refg, some rooms ocean view.

#### Panama City Beach, Florida

The Edgewater Beach Resort in Panama City Beach, Florida, will again serve as a United Church of God's Feast of Tabernacles site for 2018. Edgewater has comfortable condos in high-rise towers that overlook clear blue waters, sugar-sand beaches and spectacular sunsets. These physical elements encourage a spiritual family Feast, and they also forecast a beautiful, peaceful and memorable millennial setting (Isaiah 11:9).

Oceanfront condominiums include studios and one-, two- and three-bedroom units. Members who reside in the condos can either ride a tram or walk to services. Comfortable villas are also available for those who desire to be close to the convention center.

Edgewater's gated community provides 11 swimming pools, 12 tennis courts, 11 shuffleboard courts, a golf course, health club, four hot tubs, gift shop, game arcade and a full-service restaurant. A large lagoon pool includes landscaped islands and waterfalls.

The Majestic Beach Towers (one half-mile east) and the Long Beach Resort (one mile east) are also managed by Edgewater. Other nearby housing is available, including ocean-

front, efficiencies and full kitchens. Please see housing listings and prices that follow.

The long-term success of this site depends on members using the housing listed in the *Festival Planning Brochure*, which can lower the cost of the convention center.

For more information, see the resort's website at [www.edgewaterbeachresort.com](http://www.edgewaterbeachresort.com).

Spanish translation is available at the Feast in Panama City Beach, Florida, in 2018. Please e-mail the Feast coordinator at [jerold\\_aust@ucg.org](mailto:jerold_aust@ucg.org) if you need Spanish translation.

**Please note that PCB's early/general registration dates for 2018 are:** April 17 (early; special needs) and April 24 (general or major registration). These registration dates are different from the rest of the U.S. Feast sites.

**Location of Services:** Edgewater Beach Resort, 11212 Front Beach Rd., Panama City Beach, Florida 32407.

**Taxes:** Room tax is 13.12 % at Edgewater. Sales tax total is 8 %.

**First Service:** 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23.  
Jerold Aust

#### Edgewater Beach Resort (800) 874-8686

[www.edgewaterbeachresort.com](http://www.edgewaterbeachresort.com)  
11212 Front Beach Rd.  
Panama City Beach, FL 32407

##### Towers (Ocean Front)

- \$118 1 bedroom
- \$129 1 bedroom deluxe
- \$143 2 bedroom
- \$153 2 bedroom deluxe
- \$174 3 bedroom
- \$204 3 bedroom deluxe
- \$287 4 bedroom Penthouse

##### Leeward/Windward (Ocean Front)

- \$118 1 bedroom
- \$143 2 bedroom
- \$174 3 bedroom

##### Golf Villas

- \$83 efficiency
- \$101 1 bedroom
- \$111 2 bedroom
- \$133 3 bedroom

*Features:* a, r, sf, l, p, wf, w, op, kq, ac, e, n, a \$200 refundable security deposit is required, on site, 340 units available. There is a one time \$15 registration fee.

#### Long Beach Resort (Ocean Front) (800) 874-8686

10511 Front Beach Rd.  
Panama City Beach, FL 32407  
\$76 studio  
\$107 1 bedroom deluxe

#### Feature Codes:

- a Apartment/condominium
- ac Air conditioning
- bb Bed and Breakfast
- c Campground
- cb Continental breakfast included
- d Dump station
- e Elevator
- ec Electric
- fw Free wireless
- h Hotel/motel

- hr Equipped for the handicapped
- ip Indoor swimming pool
- k Kitchenettes/efficiencies
- kq King/queen beds
- l Laundry facilities on premises
- n No maid service
- op Outdoor swimming pool
- or Online reservations available
- p Children's play area in or nearby
- r Restaurant on premises or adjacent
- s Suites

- sh Shower facilities
- sf Shopping facilities nearby
- st Steep grades or many steps
- sw Sewer
- te Tent facilities
- UF Children under specified age are free
- w In walking distance of meeting facility
- wa Water
- wf Waterfront
- yl Provide your own linen
- yu Provide your own kitchen utensils



Phoenix, Arizona

- \$129 2 bedroom deluxe  
\$153 3 bedroom deluxe

*Features:* a, r, sf, l, hr, wf, op, kq, ac, e, n, 3 lagoon pools, 2 tennis courts, spas, a \$200 refundable security deposit is required, 1 mile from site, 48 units available.

### **Majestic Beach Towers (Ocean Front)**

(866) 494-3364

**(800) 874-8686**

10901 Front Beach Rd.

Panama City Beach, FL 32407

- \$96 studio  
\$130 1 bedroom deluxe  
\$153 2 bedroom deluxe  
\$173 2 bedroom with a bunk  
\$203 3 bedroom deluxe  
\$213 3 bedroom with a bunk  
\$223 3 bedroom deluxe with a bunk

*Features:* a, r, sf, l, hr, p, wf, ip, op, kq, ac, s, e, n, \$200 refundable security deposit required, \$25 cancellation fee, 0.5 mile from site, 146 units available.

### **Grandview Condominiums (Ocean Front)**

**(800) 874-8686**

10713 Front Beach Rd.

Panama City Beach, FL 32407

- \$165 3 bedroom  
*Features:* a, r, sf, l, hr, wf, op, kq, ac, sf, e, n, 3 heated ocean front pools, fitness facility, \$200 refundable security deposit is required, 0.5 miles from site, \$15 registration fee.

### **Comfort Suites**

(850) 249-1234

(850) 249-6143 fax

[www.choicehotels.com/hotel/FL756](http://www.choicehotels.com/hotel/FL756)

225 R. Jackson Blvd.

Panama City Beach, FL 32407

- \$75 1 bedroom, 1 king or 2 queens,  
1-4 people

*Features:* k (efficiencies), sf, l, hr (5 units), op, kq, ac, s (1 unit), e, fw, cb, sofa sleeper, microwave and refrigerator, fitness center, business center, quarter mile from site, 10 units available.

## **Phoenix, Arizona**

The Phoenix area is pleased to be able to host a Feast site the eighth year.

The site is located about a short 10-minutes ride from Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport. The facility is a comfortable hall suited for serv-

es, with a variety of use options. It will accommodate up to 220 people.

Many different opportunities will be available to fellowship, as the facility has the ability to accommodate many activities.

A seniors luncheon, a family day, and also an Eighth Day luncheon, and a dinner cruise on a nearby beautiful Canyon Lake are part of the activities being planned.

There are many places of interest within a very short distance in this area. Many golf courses are available. Ride a camel at nearby Phoenix Zoo, rent a boat at Tempe Town Lake. Visit the world class Musical Instrument Museum, Mesa Arts Center, the Science Museum, Desert Botanical Gardens, or art galleries. There is horseback riding, cowboy steak houses, many fine dining options and wine tasting. Nearby Scottsdale is world-famous. This area is filled with unique desert mountain vistas and many hiking trails such as at scenic Papago Park.

Come early and stay over, as housing prices will be held for five days before and after the Feast.

Go to the Grand Canyon (four hours away), Karchner Caverns State Park or vineyards in Sedona or in the Sonoita, Arizona, area.

The housing is affordable, as they allow room sharing, all with full breakfasts and free airport shuttles. The Marriott hotels have free shuttle transportation to and from services daily, or anywhere within five miles.

**Location of Services:** Temple Emanuel; 5801 S. Rural Rd. Tempe, AZ 85283

**First Service:** 7 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23.

Mike Miller

### **Towneplace Suites by Marriott**

(480) 345-7889

[www.Marriott.com/PHXTT](http://www.Marriott.com/PHXTT)

5223 So. Priest Drive

Tempe, AZ 85283

- \$90 king studio suite, sleeper sofa,  
1-3 people  
\$130 2 bedroom suite, sleeper sofa,  
4-6 people

*Features:* ac, cb, e, fw, h, hr, k, kq, l, op, p, s, sf, uf, all suites are non smoking, have full kitchen, ground transportation to site, 2.5 miles from site, large lobby with buffet breakfast, fitness center. **Must ask for United Church of God rate.** \* All rooms subject to Current tax of 14.92% and will be added.

### **Springhill Suites by Marriott**

(480) 752-7979

[www.Marriott.com/PHXPS](http://www.Marriott.com/PHXPS)

5211 So. Priest Drive

Tempe, AZ 85283

- \$90 king studio suite, 1-2 people  
\$90 double queen 2 bed suite,  
1-4 people

*Features:* ac, cb, e, fw, h, hr, k, kq, l, op, p, s, sf, uf, cb, mini fridge, mw, kitchen, large lobby with buffet breakfast, fitness, central shuttle service, 2.5 miles from site, all rooms non-smoking. **Must ask for the United Church of God rate.**

### **Tempe Inn Suites**

(480) 897-7900 ext. 431

1651 West Baseline Road

Tempe, AZ 85283

[www.innsuites.com](http://www.innsuites.com)

- \$69 Studio Suite w/2 Qn Bd or 1 K. Bd.  
\$79 Exk- 2 Rm. Suite 1K Bd.,  
Kitnet -LR Slpr. Sofa  
\$89 Exq-2 Rm Suite 2 Q Bd.  
Full Kit. LR Slpr. Sofa

*Features:* ac, cb, e, fw, h, hr, k, kq, l, op, s, sf, UF, Ex rooms have full kitchen, all Ex rooms have sleeper sofa, free hotel fitness center, coin laundry, 2.5 miles from site, airport shuttle, fitness center. **Must call sales dept. ask for "Church of God Fall Festival."**

### **Other Recommended Housing Without any Discount Pricing listed below:**

#### **Embassy Suites**

4400 S. Rural Rd.

Tempe, AZ 85282

(Rural & Baseline Rd.)

(480) 467-2905

All very nice 1 bedroom suites, restaurant on premises. 1 Mile from site on Rural Rd. Shuttle to/from airport.

#### **Apache Palms RV Park**

1836 E. Apache Blvd.

Tempe, AZ 85281

(480) 966-7399

[www.apachepalmsrvpark.com](http://www.apachepalmsrvpark.com)

An exceptionally clean cared for

RV Park 10% discount for AAA, Good Sam.

\$280 Elite site, weekly

\$245 Std.Site Wkly. \$42 daily

Pets Welcome for fee.

## **Snowshoe, West Virginia**

We're very happy and excited to be returning to Snowshoe, West Virginia, for the Feast of Tabernacles! If you are yearning to keep the Feast in a location that is somewhat secluded away from the day-to-day hustle and bustle, but still provides ample activities for everyone in the family to enjoy after services, then the small mountaintop village of Snowshoe Resort may just be for you!

Snowshoe Resort is a quaint village with 11,000 spectacular acres of mountain wilderness resting on top of Cheat Mountain in West Virginia. There is a nice variety of restaurants in the village, and the resort is able to offer housing to accommodate a wide range of budgets, from motel rooms to five-bedroom condominiums. Daytime temperatures in late September and early October can range from the 50s to 70s with cool, crisp overnight temperatures. Being on top of the mountain should provide for spectacular views of the surrounding fall colors during the day!

You can get a live glimpse of the village by going to any of the several live webcams positioned within the resort. Go to the website here: [www.snowshoemtn.com/media-room/snowshoe-village-live-cam](http://www.snowshoemtn.com/media-room/snowshoe-village-live-cam).



Steamboat Springs, Colorado

There are many things to see and do at the resort, including a lake with canoes and paddle boats, ski lift rides, mountain biking, golfing, an indoor/outdoor heated pool, hiking and more. Nearby is the National Radio Astronomy Observatory, Green Bank Science Center, Greenbrier River Trail and the Cass Scenic Railroad. About 90 minutes away is the Greenbrier—an iconic luxury resort built in 1778 and famous for housing the once-secret U.S. Government emergency bunker.

We are planning to have many of the traditional Feast activities, such as a family dance, seniors luncheon, teen activities and of course plenty of time for fellowship!

Services will be held within walking distance of virtually all housing. A free shuttle will be available to pick up those in need at their front door and take them to the front door of the Expo Center for services.

A couple things to consider, before selecting a festival location. Presently we only have Snowshoe contracted for the 2018 Feast and do not yet know if we will be returning next year, so if you have ever considered Snowshoe, this might be the year to go. Also, the resort is 4,848 feet above sea level, and this elevation might be a challenge for those with breathing difficulty, so please be mindful of this when making your plans.

**Location of Services:** Expo Center, 10 Snowshoe Drive, Snowshoe, WV 26209.

**First Service:** 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23.

**Hotel Tax:** 12% (6% sales tax + 6% lodging tax).

*Len Martin*

### Snowshoe Mountain

(877) 441-4386

www.snowshoemtn.com

10 Snowshoe Dr.

Snowshoe, WV 26209

\$85 studio

\$111 1 bedroom

### Feature Codes:

a Apartment/condominium  
ac Air conditioning  
bb Bed and Breakfast  
c Campground  
cb Continental breakfast included  
d Dump station  
e Elevator  
ec Electric  
fw Free wireless  
h Hotel/motel

\$132 2 bedroom  
\$165 3 bedroom  
\$399 4 bedroom  
\$449 4 bedroom, den  
\$479 5 bedroom

**Features:** h, k, a, r, sf, l, hr, st, p, w, ip, kq, e, limited maid service, adjacent to site, many units are within walking distance of site, call for more information.

### Steamboat Springs, Colorado

Steamboat Springs is a nearly perfect Feast of Tabernacles location, offering nearly what anybody wants in a Feast site. Additionally, this Feast season will provide scenic autumn foliage in the surrounding mountains.

A great asset for unifying fellowship is nearly all attendees stay at the Steamboat Grand Resort Hotel, which includes the convenience of the meeting hall for services. The hotel has a variety of room types, including motel rooms, studios, one-, two- and three-bedroom condominiums—even penthouses. Parking is free both underground and across the street.

Due to limited three-bedroom condos at the Steamboat Grand, they can be reserved by contacting the festival coordinator through your pastor. For those needing four-bedroom condos, we are listing other facilities that are nearby. Lower cost housing is about a mile and a half away.

Surrounded by great scenery, another definite plus at this site is the comparatively low elevation of 6,700 feet. Few would experience side effects from this elevation.

Dining opportunities are varied and include a few higher-end restaurants. There is little in the way of well-known chain restaurants. Most shops are downtown, with a few on the hill above the hotel.

Available activities include golfing, mountain biking, hiking, fishing (including guided fly-fishing), hot-air ballooning, kayaking, rock climbing, bowling, ice-skating, miniature golf, ATV riding and horseback riding. The alpine slide and boat rentals are closed after Labor Day.

Some of the other attractions are Old Town Hot Springs, Fish Creek Falls (a short hike), museums, art galleries, three state parks (Stagecoach, Steamboat and Pearl, all with lakes) and 150 mineral springs in the vicinity of the town.

The Steamboat Grand Hotel, plus the city, offers a free shuttle to and from most places in town. Yampa Valley Airport (25 minutes away) is serviced by commercial jets.

hr Equipped for the handicapped  
ip Indoor swimming pool  
k Kitchenettes/efficiencies  
kq King/queen beds  
l Laundry facilities on premises  
n No maid service  
op Outdoor swimming pool  
or Online reservations available  
p Children's play area in or nearby  
r Restaurant on premises or adjacent  
s Suites

Rental cars are available. For transportation from Denver International Airport, call Alpine Taxi at (800) 343-7433 or go online at [www.alpinetaxi.com](http://www.alpinetaxi.com).

**Location of Services:** Priest Creek Ballroom, Steamboat Grand Resort Hotel, 2300 Mt. Werner Circle. Coming into town from the south on Hwy. 40, turn right onto Mt. Werner Rd., then left on Mt. Werner Circle.

**First Service:** 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23

**Taxes and Resort Fees:** Taxes and fees are 19.25% at the Steamboat Grand and 11.4% at other locations.

*Charles Melear*

### Steamboat Grand Resort Hotel

(877) 269-2628

www.steamboatgrand.com

2300 Mt. Werner Circle

Steamboat Springs, CO 80487

\$89 double queen  
\$89 parlor  
\$89 studio  
\$89 deluxe king  
\$119 1 bedroom, 1-4 people  
\$129 1 bedroom deluxe, 1-4 people  
\$145 2 bedroom, 2-6 people  
\$164 2 bedroom deluxe, 2-6 people  
\$181 3 bedroom, 2-8 people (call Feast coordinator for these units)  
\$228 4 bedroom, 2-10 people  
\$325 3 bedroom penthouse  
\$450 4 bedroom penthouse  
\$555 5 bedroom penthouse

**Features:** a, r, sf, l, hr, w, op (heated), kq, ac, e, all units under one roof including meeting space, full-service fitness center, 2 large spas, steam and sauna rooms, free parking underground and across the street, on site, 82 units available.

**Note:** Hotel will put a \$50 a day hold on credit cards or debit cards above the total amount of your unit in order to cover incidental charges such as meals and movies. This \$400 for the entire eight nights will be credited back at the end of your stay.

### Steamboat Hotel

(970) 879-5230

(970) 879-3341 fax

www.steamboathotel.net

3195 S. Lincoln Ave.

Steamboat Springs, CO 80487

\$50 1-2 people

\$10 extra person

**Features:** h, sf, l, hr, kq, ac, p, fw, U12F, cb, spa, all rooms refrigerators/coffeemakers, pets \$15 per night, free bus to Grand Hotel and town, 1.5 miles from site, 20 units available.

sh Shower facilities  
sf Shopping facilities nearby  
st Steep grades or many steps  
sw Sewer  
te Tent facilities  
UF Children under specified age are free  
w In walking distance of meeting facility  
wa Water  
wf Waterfront  
yl Provide your own linen  
yu Provide your own kitchen utensils





Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

### Steamboat Mountain Lodge

(970) 871-9121

**(877) 245-6343**

(970) 871-9072 fax

www.steamboatmountainlodge.com

3155 S. Lincoln Ave.

Steamboat Springs, CO 80487

\$55 1-2 people

\$10 extra person

**Features:** h, sf, l, kq, ac, fw, U12F, cb, spa, all rooms refrigerators/coffeemakers, free bus to Grand Hotel and town, 1.5 miles from site, 20 units available

### Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

The Wisconsin Dells Feast site has a long and rich history as a venue for God's people gathering for the Feast of Tabernacles. The Dells' scenic beauty enhances our worship of our Creator and serves as a setting to enjoy such outdoor activities such as golf, hiking, touring the local waterways in the famous "Ducks" and many other refreshing activities set in nature. In addition to these outdoor activities, the Dells is home to numerous indoor water parks, which are unparalleled among amusement parks anywhere in the world. For over 150 years Wisconsin Dells has been known as a great destination with lots of fun family attractions that bring millions of visitors to the Dells each year. The Dells is home to themed lodging, with many featuring huge indoor water parks, many popular restaurants and plenty of great shopping.

On this year's activity schedule is a family dance event, which will include fun activities for all members of the family—young and old! There will be several general Bible studies in addition to the prepared sermons for the week. This year we will be holding services in a new venue for us in Wisconsin Dells—the Wintergreen Resort and Conference Center! This venue affords us ample seating, a level floorplan instead of a sloping theatre style one, and it is brightly illuminated. The Wintergreen Resort is ideal for lingering conversations and fellowship. The Wisconsin Dells Feast site is famous for its inspiring instrumental and vocal music. We invite all who wish to participate in our music program to contact our special music

coordinator for details. Parking is conveniently located next to the facility.

Housing is plentiful with a large variety of properties including ultra-modern themed resorts with elaborate indoor water parks and multi-family and single family condominiums. There are also homes and cottages available for rent on several of the nearby lakes and rivers or in the woods. Traditional style motels offer an exceptional value with several offering access to the larger indoor water parks. All establishments require a housing deposit, and cancellation policies vary, so be sure to ask about them when making reservations. Most accommodations are within a few minutes' drive of the Wintergreen Resort. Whatever your housing needs are you will find a property to suit your budget!

The Madison, Wisconsin, airport is an hour away from the Dells, the Milwaukee airport is two hours away and Chicago O'Hare is three hours away. The weather can vary from beautiful autumn weather to crisp temperatures.

**Location of Services:** Wintergreen Resort and Conference Center, 60 Gasser Rd., Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

**First Service:** 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23.

**Taxes:** The Wisconsin Dells/Lake Delton area is considered a Premier Resort Area. Therefore, 6.75% sales tax is charged on most purchases and 12.25% tax on lodging accommodations (per Wisconsin Dells Visitor Information Centers).

*Randy D'Alessandro*

### Wintergreen Resort & Conference Center (800) 648-4765 x 1 toll free

www.wintergreen-resort.com

60 Gasser Rd.

Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

\$75 2 queen beds or king, 2 people

\$79 2 queens, sleeper sofa, family room

\$95 2 room suites, king w/ 2 queens or 2 sleeper sofas

**Features:** h, r, sf, hr, p, w, op, kq, ac, e, fw, adjacent to site, these rates available for 1 night before and after Feast.

### Best Western Ambassador Inn and Suites

(608) 254-4477

**(800) 828-6888**

(608) 253-6662 fax

www.bestwestern-dells.com

610 Fontage Rd. S.

Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

\$58.39 2 queen beds or king

\$98.39 Family suite, large room, 2 queens, sleeper sofa

\$108.39 2 room suite, 2 queens, living room, sleeper sofa

**Features:** h, k, r, sf, hr, p, ip, kq, ac, s, e, fw, cb, all rooms have refrigerators, coffee makers, irons/boards, prices good for 3 nights before and after Feast, 50 hotel units reserved, 3.5 miles from conference center.

### Delton Grand resort

(608) 253-6049

www.deltongrandresort.com

670 East Lake Avenue

Lake Delton, WI 53965

\$90 Theme suites, 2 persons, 10 units

\$95 1 bedroom, 1-4 people, 15 units

\$170 2 bedrooms, 2-4 people, 3 units

\$225-235 3 bedrooms, 1-4 people, 9 units

\$245-275 4 bedrooms

**Features:** a, sf, l, hr, wf, ip, op, kq, ac, e, fw, or, n, 2 miles from site, 5% resort fee, Penthouse \$395, attached garages or underground parking, these rates good for 5 nights before or after Feast.

### Grand Marquis Hotel

(608) 254-4843

**(800) 447-2636**

(608) 253-9054 fax

840 Wisconsin Dells Pkwy South

Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

www.grandmarquis-dells.com

\$40-\$50 1-2 persons/2-4 persons

\$60 2-4 persons Jr. Studio

\$65 2-6 persons Grand studio suite

\$75 2-6 persons, Marquis studio

\$95 2-6 persons Grand family suite

\$55 1-2 persons Deluxe jacuzzi with queen bed

\$65 1-2 persons Executive jacuzzi with king bed

**Features:** h, sf, hr, ip, kq, ac, s, e, fw, 1 mile from site, these rates available 1 night before and after the Feast. One miles from Feast site.

### Sand County Service

(608) 254-6551

**(800) 822-7768**

(608) 254-4400 fax

www.sandcounty.com

P.O. Box 409

Lake Delton, WI 53940

Christmas Mt.

\$953 bedroom condo, 2-8 people

\$225 3 bedroom home + loft

### Tamarack

\$95 1 bedroom condo, 1-4 people

\$125 2 bedroom condo, 2-6 people

\$155 3 bedroom condo, 2-8 people

### Sunset Cove

\$95 1 bedroom condo, 1-4 people

\$125 2 bedroom villa, 2-6 people

### Dells Club Condos

\$60 1 bedroom, 1-2 people

\$80 2 bedroom, 2-4 people

### Other vacation homes, cottages & condos

\$60-105 1 bedroom

\$55-110 2 bedroom

\$90-320 3 to 7 bedroom homes

These condos and homes are all located in the Lake Delton/Wisconsin Dells area. All units have complete kitchens, towels and linens. Some have washers and dryers.

**Features:** a (varies with each unit—call for details), some allow pets, n, mileage from site varies, daily rates based on 8-night stay.

### Shamrock Motel

(608) 254-8054

(800) 437-5825

www.shamrock-dells.com

1321 Wisconsin Dells Pkwy.

Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

\$38-40 1-2 persons

\$39-42 2-4 persons

\$50 Deluxe studio, 3 queens and queen sleer, 4 people

\$59 Deluxe studio, 3 queens and queen sleeper, 6 people

\$59-68 Family suite, 2 bedroom, 1-4 people

\$79 Family suite, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1-6 people

*Features:* h, l, hr, ip, kq, ac, s, fw, 1 mile from site, microwave and refrigerator, prices good for 3 nights before and after Feast, 55 units.

### Spring Brook Vacation Homes, Condos & Hotel Suites

(608) 254-1460

(877) 228-8686

(608) 254-5678 fax

www.spring-brook.com

242 Lake Shore Dr.

Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

\$79 1 bedrooms, hotel suite

\$129-159 2 bedroom condo, 1-4 people

\$189-229 3 bedroom condo

\$149 3 bedroom home

\$229 4 bedroom home

\$319 5 bedroom home

\$589 6 bedroom home

\$15 Extra person

*Features:* h, a, r, sf, l, hr, wf, ip, op, kq, ac, s, fw, or, n, \$25 damage waiver fee, \$30 reservation non-refundable fee, fees required at booking, 5 and 6 bedroom homes Require \$500 security deposit, 50% of total cost required at time of reservation. Cancellation policy: 14 days notice required for a deposit refund less than \$30 cancellation fee. This rate is a Church of God special rate and cannot be combined with any other offer, package, discount or weekly rate.

### Wilderness on the Lake Condos

(608) 253-9729

(800) 867-9453

(608) 254-1079 fax

www.wildernessonthe lake.com

511 E. Adams St.

Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

\$100 Double room, queen sofa

\$215 2 bedroom villa

\$265 3-4 bedrooms, Frontier condo

\$200-250 2-3 bedrooms, Wilderness on the Lake

\$150-\$230 2-3 bedrooms, deluxe, Glacier Canyon

\$13 Daily resort fee

*Features:* h, a, r, sf, l, hr, p, wf, ip, op, kq, ac, s, e, fw, limited maid service, each condo is fully furnished, electronics, fully equipped kitchen, dining room, 4-season lanai with large jacuzzi overlooking a lake, includes

use of onsite water park, indoor/outdoor health spas, fitness room and use of the Wilderness Hotel Resort water park and amenities with free shuttle service, 1.5 miles from site. Prices good for one night before and after Feast. For reservations call (800) 867-9453 and use following codes—United Church Of God Conference at Glacier Canyon Lodge, Leader #697835 for Glacier Canyon Lodge, #173840 for Wilderness on the Lake, #210257 for Frontier Condos, or #85330 for Vacation Villas.

## Zambia

### Lusaka

Lusaka is one of the three Feast sites in Zambia, located at Verino, about 35 kilometers east of the capital city Lusaka on a church property. Verino is close to the international airport. Verino will host the Feast of Tabernacles for the third year in a row.

The Verino Feast site is in a rural setting with electricity. The property has piped water with waterborne toilets. Water is pumped from two boreholes. These facilities make life much easier for the local members who reside there in tents for the rest of the festival. For international visitors there are lodges and hotels close to the facility. Transport is available for pick up and back to the hotel. Services are held in a temporary hall at 10:30 a.m.

Meals are served at the site, and temperatures during this time range between 20 to 30 degrees Celsius (70s to high 80s Fahrenheit) because it will be summer. A number of activities are planned for the festival.

Zambia has a number of tourism attractions that can be visited by the international visitors. Mode of transport could be by air or road to places like the Victoria Falls, Mfuwe National Park, etc.

**First Service:** 7 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23.

**Further information:** please contact the festival coordinator Major Nawa Talama.

**E-mail:** talamanawa@yahoo.com

**Phone:** +260977460181

Major Nawa Talama

### Kalukanya

Kalukanya is a Feast site in Zambia located in the northeast of Zambia about 900 kilometers north of the capital city Lusaka. Kalukanya is a rural setup, and members lodge in tents. Mode of transport to this facility is by road on buses or private cars.

Services are conducted at the same place, no hotels or lodges are available. However, people are very friendly. Like other Feast sites activities are also planned for the festival.

**Further information:** please contact the festival coordinator, Alfred Siame

**E-mail:** alfsiame@gmail.com

Alfred Siame



Zimbabwe

## Zimbabwe

### Lake Chivero

The Feast of Tabernacles will be held in Lake Chivero, Zimbabwe, Africa. If you are interested in attending the Feast in Zimbabwe, please contact Mabasa Chichaya at chichayamabasa@gmail.com or +263-772-922-362.

## Celebrating the Feast at Home

For a variety of reasons and differing circumstances, you may be unable to attend a Feast site in person this year and will be keeping the Feast at home. We invite you to join the site for everyone who will be celebrating the Feast at home in 2018. We have resources available to help you enjoy a fulfilling and meaningful Feast of Tabernacles and connect with services and brethren during this special season in God's Holy Day plan.

Once general registration opens, you can register for the Feast by going to [www.ucg.org/members/feast/sites/2018/celebrating-the-feast-at-home](http://www.ucg.org/members/feast/sites/2018/celebrating-the-feast-at-home) and clicking on "Register Now." If you don't have Internet access, you can ask your local festival advisor to help you register.

Through the Celebrating the Feast at Home website, you'll find greetings from different festival sites shared throughout the Feast, links to webcast Feast services and recorded sermons, and spiritual articles written especially to help you have a wonderful Feast of Tabernacles. Join with brethren from around the world during webcast services, and watch for greetings from familiar faces throughout the Feast. For the younger members of your family, activity books and festival lessons will be available to help them enjoy the Feast and learn about God's plan for them, along with helpful ideas for making the Feast a special celebration for the whole family.

Jonathan & Esther Magee

## 2018 Family Education Festival Resources

The United Church of God education team has again developed resources for families to help in discussions about God and how His Holy Days detail His plan for mankind.

Here are the resources that will be available for the 2018 Feast:

*My Festival Activity Booklet*—these booklets will be divided into four categories: K-1 (kindergarten and first grade), 2-3 (second and third grade), 4-5 (fourth, fifth and sixth grades) and teen (seventh grade through high school senior). These booklets are designed to help our children learn about God's plan of salvation. They are filled with activities and articles for the youth as well as family discussion points. Parents, you will notice throughout the booklets family discussion points that provide questions with scriptural references that we hope will help encourage family discussions about God's way

while at the Feast of Tabernacles.

Please note that the *My Festival Activity Booklet* will be handed out during the Feast of Tabernacles. In order to ensure that your children will receive copies please register online for the Feast site you will be attending at [www.ucg.org/members/feast](http://www.ucg.org/members/feast). The number of booklets printed will be based on the number of children registered on the website with their families.

Additionally, two festival youth classes for preteens will be offered at many UCG Feast of Tabernacles sites. The two classes will be taught by the festival youth instructors at each Feast site. Each lesson will have a specific topic and activity relating to the Feast. Please note that the classes are separate from the *My Festival Activity Booklet*. The youth do not need to bring their activity booklet with them to class. We hope that the booklet and festi-

val youth instruction classes, along with family Bible studies at the Feast sites, will provide an opportunity for God's Word to grow even deeper into the hearts and minds of our children.

The festival youth instruction lesson plans will be made available online at [www.ucg.org/members/feast](http://www.ucg.org/members/feast) for the youth instruction teachers. In addition, the 2018 *My Festival Activity Booklet* will also be available online in PDF format for those parents who would like to print an extra copy for themselves.

We hope that you and your family have a wonderful 2018 festival season and that your knowledge of God and His relationship with your family is expanded.

Have a happy and inspirational Holy Days!

*Educational Team*

## Fragrance Free / Allergy Free Room

The United Church of God is aware of the increasing sensitivities to allergens and fragrances affecting our members and society in general. For the Feast of Tabernacles it is nearly impossible to offer a completely allergy-free room or even a room that eliminates all fragrances. However, most of our U.S. Feast sites attempt to provide some relief by either reserving a room prohibiting anyone to enter that

is wearing perfumes etc. or designating a section of the meeting hall as a fragrance free area. In many cases, these are not full solutions, but it does aid somewhat those who experience allergy reactions in their attempt to attend services.

Festival registration has a category for those with allergy sensitivities to alert the Feast coordinator of the situation.

As much as a cultural shift as it might

be we ask members not to attend church services and activities with perfumes and colognes so that we all can fellowship and worship together.

If you need more details as to what the specific site that you want to attend offers, please contact the Feast coordinator or e-mail [USFestival@ucg.org](mailto:USFestival@ucg.org) or call (970) 484-5878.

## 2018 Festival Fund

To help meet festival expenses throughout the world, U.S. members are asked to send in a 10 percent donation from their expected second tithe total (a tithe of the tithe). **Canadian** members may make a similar donation to the Canadian office.

- Please indicate the amount you are sending in the space below.
- Make your check payable to United Church of God and label it "Festival Fund."
- Clip out and enclose the completed form, along with your check, in one of the labeled reply envelopes mailed to you from the home office.
- Affix postage and mail.

Your PIN number from your *United News* or *Beyond Today*:

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# 2018 Feast of Tabernacles Sites

## **Australia**

Kawana Waters, Queensland  
Merimbula, New South Wales  
Rockingham, Western Australia

## **Benin**

**Bolivia**  
Cochabamba

**Brazil**  
Maloca de Moscou

**British Isles**  
Llandudno, North Wales

## **Cameroon**

**Canada**  
Drumheller, Alberta  
Midland, Ontario  
Osoyoos, British Columbia

**Chile**  
Olmué

**China**  
Hong Kong

**Colombia**  
Cartagena

## **Congo**

**Estonia**  
Saaremaa

**France**  
Evian-les-Bains, France

**Germany**  
Schluchsee

## **Ghana**

## **Grenada**

**Guatemala**  
Panajachel

**India**  
Agra

**Italy**  
Sabaudia

## **Ivory Coast**

**Jamaica**  
Montego Bay

**Kenya**  
Got Kachola  
Mombasa  
Ogembo

**Malawi**  
Blantyre  
Lilongwe

**Malaysia**  
Penang

**Mexico**  
Puerto Vallarta

## **Nigeria**

**New Zealand**  
Orewa

**Philippines**  
Baguio City  
Davao City  
Visayas

**South Africa**  
Margate

**Sri Lanka**  
Passikudah

## **Suriname**

## **Togo**

**United States**  
Anchorage, Alaska  
Bend-Redmond, Oregon  
Branson, Missouri  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
Galveston, Texas  
Glacier Country, Montana  
Jekyll Island, Georgia  
Lake George, New York  
Oceanside, California  
Panama City Beach, Florida  
Phoenix, Arizona  
Snowshoe, West Virginia  
Steamboat Springs, Colorado  
Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

**Zambia**  
Lusaka  
Kalukanya

**Zimbabwe**  
Lake Chivero

*Any additional sites, changes to existing sites or new details will be published in the United News or on the Feast website, [www.ucg.org/members/feast](http://www.ucg.org/members/feast).*



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## About the United Church of God...

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We trace our origins to the Church that Jesus founded in the early first century. We seek to follow the same teachings, doctrines and practices established then. Our commission is to proclaim the gospel of the coming Kingdom of God to all the world as a witness and to teach all nations to observe what Christ commanded (Matthew 24:14; 28:19-20).

The Feast of Tabernacles is one of seven annual festivals given by God to ancient Israel that were kept by Jesus Christ, the apostles and the New Testament Church (Leviticus 23:39-43; John 7:1-14). The Feast of Tabernacles will be observed by all mankind during Christ's 1,000-year reign on earth, which it pictures (Zechariah 14:16-19; Revelation 20:4). At that time, the many prophecies of an unprecedented time of peace and prosperity will be fulfilled (Isaiah 2:2-4; 11:1-9; 35:1-10).

If you'd like to know more about the Feast of Tabernacles and the other festivals, you may request a free copy of the booklet *God's Holy Day Plan: The Promise of Hope for All Mankind*. You can request, download or read a copy through our website at [www.ucg.org](http://www.ucg.org), or contact one of our offices listed in the front.