



# United Church of God an International Association Cincinnati

## *Announcements – May 17, 2025*

	<u>East – 11:00 A.M.</u>	<u>East – 2:30 P.M.</u>	<u>North – 2:30 P.M.</u>
Songleader	David Browning	Chad Browning	Bob Holman
Pianist	Rebekah Williams	Duncan McClenagan	
Sermonette	Josh Cook		Sam Wayne
Special Music	Garrett Fenchel, Zach Hoover and Kayleen Schreiber	ABC Chorale	
Sermon	Aaron Dean	Jason Musgrove	Mark Welch

**Ambassador Bible College Graduation, 5/18:** The ABC Class of 2025 graduation exercise will be held tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. While we wish we could invite all of you who have been so welcoming and supportive of our students, we only have enough seating space in the room for graduate family members. We invite you to join us virtually via webcast, which can be found here: <https://www.ucg.org/webcast/ambassador-bible-college-graduation-2025>. The students, faculty and staff of Ambassador Bible College wish to express their appreciation for the Cincinnati congregations and their kindness in providing a home-away-from-home for students.

**Men's Speech and Leadership Club, 5/25:** The Men's Club will hold its last meeting this Spring on May 25.

**Celebration – Darris and Debbie McNeely, 5/31:** On May 31, we will honor Darris and Debbie McNeely for their 50 years serving in the ministry. The celebration will begin at 12:45 p.m. with a presentation of flowers, a gift card and a card of appreciation. Cake and light snacks will be served.

**Pentecost, 6/1:** We will meet for Pentecost on June 1 at the Oasis Conference Center, 902 Loveland-Miamiville Road, Loveland, OH 45140. Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Please bring your personal hymnals or use your phone app. A Holy Day offering will be collected during the morning service. *Please note that our contract does not allow us to take food into the building.* Directions are available at the Information Table.

**Brown County Indiana Pentecost Weekend – Final Call for Discount Rate:** Thinking about gathering with friends and family for an exciting weekend of spiritual growth, fellowship and celebrating God's Holy Day? The popular UCG Pentecost Weekend in Brown County, Indiana holds a unique tradition—a cherished time for spiritual growth, fellowship and celebrating God's Holy Day. The weekend includes something for everyone, blending moments of fun with opportunities to connect and share.

Gather with friends and family at our various activities, like the "Potluck in the Park." On Sabbath evening, experience the highlight of the weekend at the inspiring "Concert for God," a powerful event where music and praise for God unite us in reverence and joy. This unforgettable weekend is designed to uplift and deepen your faith as we grow together.

UCG discount rates for the Abe Martin Lodge and the Brown County state park cabins are available and open for reservations through May 20. This year we have the added convenience of a special UCG Pentecost weekend website that includes reservation information, schedules, sign-up capacity for the Concert for God, and more! Click on [pentecostbrowncounty.ucgevents.org](https://pentecostbrowncounty.ucgevents.org) for more information.

*Special note:* to receive the low rates for accommodations, the Brown County staff asks that members call (877) 563-4371 and make reservations through a DNR reservation agent with the UCG group code. (If you try to use the online booking option you may not be able to use the discount code 0530UG.) Look for the "Book My Stay" section on the website for instructions. If you are using a cell phone, you can call directly from the Pentecost weekend website.

Questions? Contact Jamie Snyder at (317) 709-3561 or email: [bjnyder@themekgroup.com](mailto:bjnyder@themekgroup.com).

**Lost and Found:** Our Lost and Found is currently overflowing with items. Please take the time to stop by and *carefully* look through the bin located in the closet next to the reception desk on your way out. Tables will be set up in the warehouse in a couple of weeks for easier browsing. As a side note, please refrain from adding donations to our lost and found bin as space is currently limited. Thank you!

**Captioning Team – Help Wanted:** Our captioning team is seeking volunteers to help enrich Sabbath services for our members who are deaf or hearing impaired. Volunteers need not be skilled typists as we are primarily using AI to transcribe the messages. If you are interested in serving in this way, please reach out to Kristin Hernandez ([Kristin.rich7@gmail.com](mailto:Kristin.rich7@gmail.com)).

**PM Greeters – Help Wanted:** More greeters are needed to serve before afternoon services. If you would be willing to help in this way a few to several times a year, please contact Kathy Trone.

**Good Works Proposal Deadline, 5/31:** There's still time to submit your proposal for Good Works projects for the second half of the 2025 calendar year! If you have a great idea for a project (local or abroad), please run it by your local pastor, and with his approval, please contact Lena VanAusdle at [GoodWorks@ucg.org](mailto:GoodWorks@ucg.org) or visit [ucg.org/members/outreach/good-works](https://ucg.org/members/outreach/good-works) for more information. The deadline for proposals is May 31.

**Feast of Tabernacles Registration:** Be sure to register for the Feast at <https://feast.ucg.org>. This helps those who are coordinating each site to plan activities to make the Feast enjoyable for everyone.

**Feast of Tabernacles – Puerto Vallarta, Mexico:** Join us for the Feast of Tabernacles in Puerto Vallarta! Plenty of spots are still available for this unforgettable Feast site, but with rising costs, this may be our final year at this stunning destination. Don't miss this chance to celebrate together in paradise at an all-inclusive resort in Mexico! For more details, visit our festival registration page at [ucg.org/members/feast/sites/puerto-vallarta-mexico](https://ucg.org/members/feast/sites/puerto-vallarta-mexico).

**Cincinnati Festival Advisors:** If you need assistance with Feast registration or housing reservations, please contact your Festival Advisor: Caleb Creech for AM ([caleb\\_creech@yahoo.com](mailto:caleb_creech@yahoo.com), 816-810-2905), Ken Japhet for PM ([ken.japhet@gmail.com](mailto:ken.japhet@gmail.com), 503-507-7770) and Doug Knuckles for North ([doug.knuckles@gmail.com](mailto:doug.knuckles@gmail.com), 513-317-1671).

**REMINDER – World News and Prophecy, Daniel:** The World News and Prophecy [landing page](#) now has 22 video recordings available. Check back each week for a new class recording. The second part in the series to follow soon will be about the book of Revelation.

A complete list of all Ambassador Bible College class recordings can be found by navigating to “Ambassador Bible College” on our website’s “Member” menu. Then, click on “Our Courses.”

On the ABC Courses page, you will find all our class recordings—mostly audio recordings from over the years. But those recorded on video are now tagged “Yes” in the right column of the class course recordings list.

**Qualified Charitable Distributions:** We wish to share some important information regarding the use of *Qualified Charitable Distributions* (QCDs) when donating as part of your Holy Day offerings.

QCDs are distribution of funds from an individual's Individual Retirement Account (IRA) payable directly to a qualified 501(c)(3) charitable organization such as the United Church of God, *an International Association* (UCGIA). QCD donations are unique in that they require UCGIA to identify them specifically as QCDs and provide acknowledgement letters to donors instead of receipting them as we would a non-QCD cash donation.

If you choose to use a QCD to make a Holy Day offering, we ask for your assistance as follows:

- **Please do not place them in your local congregation's Holy Day offering collection.**
- **Instead, remit the Holy Day QCD donation directly to UCGIA:** United Church of God, P.O. Box 541027, Cincinnati, OH 45254-1027.
- **Ensure the donation is clearly labeled as a QCD and the Holy Day offering to which it applies.**

We deeply appreciate your faithful support of God's Work through your offerings. If you have any questions regarding QCDs or need assistance with the process, please don't hesitate to contact UCGIA at (513) 576-9796 or email Sarah Howard, donations processing manager, at [Sarah\\_Howard@ucg.org](mailto:Sarah_Howard@ucg.org).

**Beyond Today Schedule:** *Beyond Today* programs can be viewed on THE WORD Network (altafiber Elite Channel 263, Spectrum Silver Channel 386) at 12:30 a.m. Monday, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 3:00 a.m. Friday and 6:30 p.m. Saturday. The programs can also be viewed on-demand on dedicated *Beyond Today* television channels on Roku, iOS devices, Android devices, Amazon Fire TV, LG Smart TVs, Samsung Smart TVs, YouTube, Vimeo, Wii and Xbox. You can always watch the program online at our website <http://www.ucg.org/beyond-today/television>.

BT #	Title	Host	Literature Offered	Available
453	<b>The Ten Commandments: From Obedience to Virtue</b> Learn how keeping God's commandments develops your inner person to reflect God's righteous ways.	Gary Petty	<i>The Ten Commandments</i>	May 18
475	<b>Do You Have an Immortal Soul?</b> Does the Bible really say humans have souls that are released from the body at death? Learn the surprising answer!	Steve Myers	<i>Heaven or Hell: What Does the Bible Really Teach?</i>	May 25
477	<b>5 Steps to Real Change, Part 1: Finding Hope in a Confused World</b> If your life reflects an unsettled condition, discover the true way forward.	Darris McNeely	<i>Christ's Reign on Earth: What It Will Be Like</i>	June 1
478	<b>The Way, Part 1: What Is the Christian Message?</b> Discover something the early Christians called the Way—which can change your life for the better.	Gary Petty	<i>Holidays or Holy Days: Does It Matter Which Days We Keep?</i>	June 8