
Home Office Weekly Update

from the UNITED CHURCH of GOD

September 25, 2025

From the President...

My fellow brothers and sisters in Christ,

The autumn feasts of God are momentous markers of God's Kingdom advancing into a world held captive by an imposter-ruler, Satan. The first of these festivals was the Day of Trumpets, picturing when Satan's system will be turned on its head by the true King who owns and who created everything. Christ's merciful call for humanity's repentance (Joel 2:12-17) will sadly be met with global resistance and indignation (Joel 3:9-16, Isaiah 26:20-21).

We are now between the festivals of Trumpets and Atonement. This reflects a prophetic period where Christ's "bowls" of correction for repentance will be rejected by Satan's society during the Day of the Lord (Revelation 11:14-18, 16). A sad escalation of rejection by the deceived will escalate into war against Christ and His bride, resulting in their own devastating defeat (Revelation 19:19-21).

Soon, we will observe God's Day of Atonement, which in part foretells the fall of the architect of lies, deception, murder and hate, who will be bound. He will be bound and sealed away from further influencing the "few men [that] are left" (Isaiah 24:6). Only after his removal can humanity finally experience godly repentance, atonement for sins, and knowledge of God's truth. At last, everyone will finally pursue at-one-ment with God and each other (Isaiah 19:25).

We are extremely blessed to have already begun removing Satan from our lives, and are building oneness with the entire Family of God. Soon, we will observe additional festivals celebrating future eras under which Christ will rule with our participation (Revelation 20:6). We will portray a foretaste of that time at the Feast of Tabernacles by staying in temporary dwellings with abundant blessings, spiritual and physical food, all shared with each other in a unified Body that is edifying itself in love (Ephesians 4:16).

So, let us rejoice every day, living *now* under the loving authority the Father gave to Jesus. "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth" (Matthew 28:18). Let us fully devote ourselves to the work He has given His Church: "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you" Amen (Matthew 28:19-20).

As we walk in God's light today, let's be thankful and radiate that light to a spiritually dark world. Let's step up our love for God and for each other as we celebrate the beauty of lives lived His way. Let's trim our lamps, increase our lights, and boldly go forward doing all that He commanded. What a great privilege to live under the true God who loves us and promises, "and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (verse 20).

Let us celebrate God's feasts with joy, light and love, fully devoted to His work today and always.

With love in Christ's service,



John Elliott, President

From Media and Communications Services...

We are pleased to let you know our new operation manager, Scott Delamater, began work at the home office today. A staff meeting was held to welcome Mr. Delamater and to thank Peter Eddington for his many years of service.



Peter Eddington, John Elliott and Scott Delamater

Mr. Eddington will work alongside Mr. Delamater through December to bring him up to speed on the many aspects of the operation. With 35- to 40 media department employees

and many sub-departments, it will take a little while for a complete transfer of all operation manager duties.

Please join us in welcoming Scott, and also thanking Peter for his dedicated service.

From Ministerial and Member Services...

Sabbath Services Before the Feast of Tabernacles on Oct. 4, 2025

On our website at ucg.org/news/sabbath-services-feast-tabernacles-october-4-2025 is a downloadable PDF showing those U.S. congregations having—or not having—services on Oct. 4, 2025. This is intended to assist those who may be traveling for the Feast.

The map shows which congregations will hold services on Oct. 4 (solid green star) and which have canceled services (outlined red star). While most congregations holding services will meet at their regular times, we encourage you to contact the local pastor in advance to confirm.



Please note: There are no U.S. Feast sites planning Sabbath services on Oct. 4, except Cincinnati and Rapid City—at their regular times and locations.

Sept. 23 Ordinations

We're happy to announce that on September 23, 2025 Michael Messer was ordained into the ministry. He and his wife, Sandy, serve the congregation in Phoenix Northwest, Arizona.



Michael and Sandy Messer

Also ordained into the ministry on September 23, 2025 was Mark Kasperson. He and his wife, Mary Ann, serve the congregation in Lexington, Kentucky.



Mark and Mary Ann Kasperson

Also ordained into the ministry on September 23, 2025 was Joe Neff. He and his wife, Elizabeth, serve the congregations in Spokane, Chewelah and Tri-Cities, Washington.



Joe and Elizabeth Neff

—Steve Myers, Operation Manager, Ministerial and Member Services

Save the Date: DFW Regional Family and Prom Weekend

Please save the date for the annual DFW Regional Family and Prom Weekend, scheduled for Friday, March 20 through Sunday, March 22, 2026.

REMINDER: Cincinnati Winter Family Weekend 2025

Registration and Hotel Information

Get ready to be “**Fueled by Faith!**” Registration for the 2025 Winter Family Weekend in Cincinnati, Ohio is just around the corner.

As in previous years, registration will open in phases. Please mark your calendars for this year’s dates:

- **Sunday, Sept. 21:** Registration opens for **Team Captains ONLY**.
- **Thursday, Oct. 16:** Early registration opens for **attendees with special needs**.
- **Sunday, Oct. 19:** **General Registration opens** for all attendees.

Hotel Information:

We have secured blocks of rooms at a discount rate at two hotels. Please note that hotel booking will not be available until **General Registration opens on October 19**.

- The Warehouse Hotel (On-site at Champion Mill): The primary hotel for the event. *Please note: there is a required 4-night minimum stay* for all reservations in our group block.
- Courtyard by Marriott (Nearby): For guests planning a shorter stay. This hotel does not have a minimum night requirement.

Important Reminder: The group booking codes and reservation links for both hotels will be released with **General Registration on October 19**. Registering as a Team Captain does *not* provide early access to hotel booking.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 23	Feast of Trumpets	
Oct. 2	Day of Atonement	
Oct. 7-13	Feast of Tabernacles	
Oct. 14	Eighth Day	
Nov. 14-16	Tulsa Regional Family Weekend	Sand Springs, OK
Dec. 23-28	Winter Family Weekend	Hamilton, OH
Dec. 26-28	Northwest Family Weekend	Portland, OR
Dec. 29-Jan. 4	Winter Camp	Lake Geneva, WI
March 20-22	DFW Regional Family and Prom Weekend	Dallas, TX

Upcoming activities may be sent to weekly_update@ucg.org. Additional calendar information is available on the [members' website](#).

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