

Feast of **TABERNACLES** — — **2026** — —

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Welcome Message

Hello, friends!

Welcome to God's Feast of Tabernacles celebration in Morehead City, North Carolina!

As we gather here along the Crystal Coast, surrounded by sounds, inlets, barrier islands and the broad Atlantic beyond, it's hard not to be reminded of how naturally the horizon draws our eyes forward. There always seems to be something *just beyond* what we can presently see. In many ways, the Feast of Tabernacles does the same thing: it lifts our eyes beyond the present world and gives us a glimpse of the Kingdom of God that Jesus Christ will soon establish upon the earth!

For eight days, we have a chance to step away from many of the normal routines and concerns of life and dwell temporarily in a place that is not our permanent home. We worship together, eat together, laugh together and enjoy blessings that give us a small foretaste of a world still ahead. Yet the Feast is intended to be more than just a pleasant interruption from everyday life. Each year, we observe God's Feasts as a reminder that we are pilgrims now, preparing for a time when the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and when He will reign forever and ever (**Rev. 11:15**).

Here along the coast, we will see the tides rise and fall, watch boats move across Bogue Sound, and perhaps stand on the shore looking out over an ocean whose far horizon we cannot see beyond. That seems especially fitting during the Feast. We cannot yet see with our eyes the world Christ will establish, but God has allowed us a glimpse through His Word and through the observance of His magnificent Feast Days, that we might live with that future a little more vividly in mind.

So, as we rejoice together this year, let's remember to take *full advantage* of the all the opportunities for worship and fellowship. More importantly, may this Feast sharpen our vision of the Kingdom of God and renew our desire to live now as citizens of *THE WORLD TOMORROW* — looking toward that far horizon when “*the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea*” (**Isa. 11:9**).

Nick Lamoureux

Festival Coordinator, Morehead City

General Festival Announcements

Anointing / Counseling

If you need to be anointed, please first search for an elder you know. Alternatively, you can visit the Information Table to see a list of elders and phone numbers, or call 513-374-5298 and ask for David Metzel. The upstairs rooms (Oak 1&2) can be used for anointing before and after services as-needed. If you are contagious, please do not come to services—even to be anointed—and do not attend activities where others could be infected. Instead, please call the phone number above for an anointed cloth and wait for recovery before attending activities again.

Information Table

The Information Table will be open before and after services, except on the Last Great Day. Please stop by for Feast info, directions, area attractions, and UCG literature. The Information Table also features a *Family-Helping-Family* donation box. These funds are used to provide Church-sponsored activities (such as group meals or Family Day) free-of-charge to those who could not otherwise afford them.

Mother's Room

The Mother's Room is located upstairs in "Oak 3." It is our desire to provide a live stream of the service from the main hall. If older children accompany a mother and infant, please make sure they sit quietly with you and do not disturb others. Since mothers are listening to services, please restrict your talking to that required for the needs of your child.

Youth Festival Activity Booklets

All attendees who registered their child for the Feast may pick up their Festival Youth Booklets at the Information Table. There is one booklet for children ages 5-12. Please give your child's name to the volunteer and they will check off your child's name when they receive their book. If you did not register for the Feast, please wait until all other booklets have been passed out and if there are extra copies you may pick one up for your child. Booklets may also be printed from the UCG website.

Youth Education Classes (Festival Youth Instruction)

Festival Youth Instruction (FYI) classes are available for two groupings of children. **Group One** is for children in **grades K–2** and **Group Two** is for **grades 3–6**. There will be two classes for each grade category during the Feast. Children are encouraged to show their take-home crafts and discuss with their parents what they learned in class each time. Children are **not** required to bring anything to class—teachers will have supplies for each child to use during FYI. Classes will be conducted upstairs in Oak 1&2, from 9:45-10:30 AM on Monday, Sept. 28 and Friday, Oct. 2.

Welcome Sermonette by President John Elliott

In this year's welcome sermonette video, *United Church of God* president John Elliott previews Jesus Christ's millennial reign. He encourages members to rejoice together as firstfruits being prepared to serve in that coming Kingdom—experiencing a foretaste of the life the whole world will one day enjoy!

Festival Greeting Cards

Each year there are some members who cannot attend the Feast in-person due to age, health, or other extenuating circumstances. Handmade cards have been provided for you to share words of encouragement for those unable to be here with us. The cards will be available to sign until Tuesday after services. Thank you for taking the time to put a smile on the faces of those who are unable to be with us during God's Fall Festivals. (*NOTE: A lot of time went into preparing the Festival Greeting Cards. Please **do not** bring food or beverages to the greeting card tables.*)

Festival Youth Stuffed Animal Drive

Please help us bring the joy of the Millennium to life for our youngest attendees! We are collecting brand new stuffed animals for a special youth giveaway during the Feast. Children will have the opportunity to choose a plush animal to take home as a reminder of the peaceful world to come.

- **What to bring:** Brand new plush/stuffed animals (*please do not bring any used or pre-loved toys*)
- **Where to drop off:** Please deposit your stuffed animal donations in the bag under the Festival Greeting Card tables at the back of the meeting hall. The stuffed animal giveaway will occur on Wednesday or Thursday at the conclusion of services.
- **Sharing our blessings:** Any remaining stuffed animals at the end of the Feast will be donated to a local charity to bless children in our host community.

Thank you for your generosity in making this Feast extra special for the children!

Daily Coffee Corner

Start each morning of the Feast with a cup of coffee and good conversation! Coffee will be available each morning, Sunday–Saturday, from 8:45–9:45 AM at the concession stand. Come a little early, reconnect with old friends, meet someone new and enjoy some fellowship before services. If the weather is pleasant, take your cuppa joe out to the patio and enjoy the beautiful morning view overlooking Bogue Sound.

Community Outreach

Please make your way to the Information Table to learn about (or suggest) any opportunities for community outreach.

Bible Studies & Seminars

Main Bible Study (*“Tongues, Babel and the Kingdom” – Nick Lamoureux*)

Is speaking in tongues really proof that someone has God’s Holy Spirit—or has that idea been misunderstood? This study will take a fresh look at Babel, Pentecost, and the biblical gift of tongues to see what Scripture actually says. Along the way, we’ll explore the real evidence of God’s Spirit in a person’s life and look ahead to the Kingdom of God, when the barriers that have divided mankind—including language itself—will begin to be overcome.

Bible Talk (*“The Everlasting Gospel” – John Elliott*)

When you hear the word “gospel,” what comes to mind? Will the gospel be fulfilled and end soon? Was the gospel preached and taught to ancient Israel? Is it just a statement to be shared with others, or is it something we must obey? Join us as we explore various facets of what Scripture calls “the everlasting gospel.”

Young Adult Bible Study – Tim Heine (*Sunday, Sept. 27 — 1-2 PM*)

Contrary to popular belief, Jesus did not just tell His disciples to “believe” in Him; He told them, “Follow Me.” But what does that actually look like in everyday life? This interactive young adult study will explore what it means to genuinely follow Christ through our choices, priorities, sacrifices, and commitment to His way of life. We’ll also consider the personal invitation Christ extends to each of us now—and how learning to follow Him today prepares us for a place in the Kingdom of God and the world Christ will establish at His return. (*Location: Oak 1&2*)

Teen Bible Study – Joe Greene (*Monday, Sept. 28 — 3-4 PM*)

Everyone talks about justice—but what does “justice” actually mean? Is it equality? Fairness? Making sure everyone gets the same outcome? This teen Bible study will compare some of today’s common ideas about justice with the justice God reveals in the Bible. Most importantly, we’ll look ahead to the Kingdom of God and consider what true justice will look like when Christ rules the earth. (*Location: Oak 1&2*)

Daily Festival

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Opening Night 9/25 FRIDAY	Day 1 9/26 SATURDAY	Day 2 9/27 SUNDAY	Day 3 9/28 MONDAY	Day 4 9/29 TUESDAY <i>* Family Day</i>
Arrival & Setup		FESTIVAL SERVICE 10:00-12:00 PM	FESTIVAL SERVICE 10:00-12:00 PM --- (Festival Youth Instruction @9:45)	FESTIVAL SERVICE 10:00-12:00 PM
Department Head Meeting 3:30-4:15 PM	1st Day — Feast of Tabernacles! --- HOLY DAY SERVICE & WEEKLY SABBATH 2:30-4:30 PM	ABC Info Meeting 12:15-1:00 PM --- YA Meal, Bible Study & Activity 1:00-5:00 PM		Family Beach A 2:00-5:00 PM
OPENING NIGHT SERVICE 7:30-9:00 PM			Teen Bible Study, Activity & Meal 3:00-8:00 PM	Bible Study Ice Cream Social: Bible Talk 8:30-9:00 PM

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Day 4 9/29 WEDNESDAY <i>Day *</i>	Day 5 9/30 WEDNESDAY	Day 6 10/1 THURSDAY	Day 7 10/2 FRIDAY	LGD / 8 th Day 10/3 SATURDAY
FESTIVAL SERVICE 10:00-12:00 PM	FESTIVAL SERVICE 10:00-12:00 PM	FESTIVAL SERVICE 10:00-12:00 PM	FESTIVAL SERVICE 10:00-12:00 PM --- (Festival Youth Instruction @9:45)	LGD / 8th Day --- AM HOLY DAY SERVICE & WEEKLY SABBATH 10:00-12:00 PM
Day Activity 10:00-12:00 PM	Senior Luncheon 1:30-3:30 PM			LGD Luncheon 12:00-2:00 PM --- PM HOLY DAY SERVICE & WEEKLY SABBATH 2:30-4:00 PM
Talk & Social 7-9 PM Talk: 7:30-9 PM		Crystal Coast Lady Dinner Cruise 5:00-8:00 PM	Main Bible Study & Kids Jelly Videos 7:00-8:30 PM	Teardown & Departure

Meals & Activities

Young Adult Activity (*Sunday, Sept. 27 — 2-5 PM or TBD*)

Our Young Adults are invited to continue the time together beyond the Bible study with a special activity being organized for later in the day/week. Final details are still being arranged, but the goal is simple: a relaxed opportunity to connect, enjoy some time together, and build friendships with other Young Adults at the Feast. We'll be sure to keep you posted as details come together!

Teen Activity (*Monday, Sept. 28 — 5-8 PM*)

Teens are requested to join us Monday afternoon for an interactive Bible study beginning at 3:00 PM at the *Crystal Coast Civic Center*. Afterward, parents should bring their teens to Mac Daddy's in Cape Carteret for an evening of bowling, arcade games, dinner and time together with other friends from around the Feast site.

Family Day Beach Activity (*Tuesday, Sept. 29 — 2-5 PM*)

Spend the afternoon (2-5 PM) with your spiritual friends and family at beautiful Fort Macon State Park! After services, grab lunch or pick up something to bring with you, then head to the beach for an afternoon of fellowship, fresh air, and fun. Bring your own beach chairs, blankets, drinks, and anything else you'd enjoy—footballs, frisbees, beach toys or other beach-friendly games are all welcome. A scavenger hunt has also been prepared for the kids (of any age), with small prizes for those who participate. The location is: [Picnic Park Dr, Atlantic Beach, NC 28512](#)

Ice Cream Social & Bible Talk (*Tuesday, Sept. 29 — 7-9 PM*)

Once you've dried out from the beach and had supper, please join us back at the Civic Center for dessert! The social runs from 7-9 PM, and UCG President John Elliott will present a special Bible Talk from 7:30-8:30 PM. Come enjoy some ice cream, fellowship, and a thought-provoking look at a subject that reaches from ancient Israel to the Kingdom of God.

Senior Luncheon (*Wednesday, Sept. 30 — 1:30-3:30 PM*)

For our seniors (age 65+) and their spouses or companions who registered ahead of time, we look forward to welcoming you to our special Senior Luncheon—honoring the years of faith and service you have modeled for those who will follow in your footsteps. This year's theme, "*Planted in the House of the Lord*," reflects the strength and stability that comes from a lifetime of walking with Christ. We welcome you to enjoy a delicious catered meal, warm fellowship, and a meaningful time of recognition as we celebrate those who have faithfully remained rooted in God's way of life. Please pickup your meal tickets from the Information Table, Sunday–Tuesday.

Crystal Coast Lady Dinner Cruise (Thursday, Oct. 1 — 5-8 PM)

(NOTE: This activity required preregistration and prepayment.) For anyone who signed up for the dinner cruise activity ahead of time, please collect your tickets at the Information Table and plan to arrive at the *Crystal Coast Lady* in time to begin boarding at 5:00 PM on Thurs. (10/1). The cruise departs at 5:30 PM. The address is: [600 Front St, Beaufort, NC 28516](#)

Children's Sabbath Evening Activity (Friday, Oct. 2 — 7-8:30 PM)

Parents with children age 12 and under are invited to bring them upstairs to the Youth Instruction rooms during Friday evening's Bible Study from 7:00–8:30 PM. Megan Lamoureux and several helpers will provide a relaxed, enjoyable setting for the children so parents can take in the Bible Study with fewer distractions. Healthy snacks will be available, and Sabbath-appropriate Jelly videos will be played. *(Location: Oak 1&2)*

Last Great Day Luncheon (Saturday, Oct. 3 — 12-2 PM)

As we arrive at the Last Great Day and the conclusion of a wonderful Feast together, we hope you'll join us for a relaxed luncheon between services. For those who purchased a catered meal, you may pickup your meal tickets from the Information Table, Sunday–Friday. For those who chose not to purchase a catered meal, you are still welcome to bring your own food and join us at the tables in the back of the hall as we share a final meal ahead of the afternoon service and the conclusion of God's annual Festival season.

Festival Reminders

Applause for Special Music

The United Church God, an International Association, requests that you not applaud for sermonettes, sermons or special music during the Feast. One exception to this request continues to be the performance of the children's choir. In general, it can be shown that the Bible makes a distinction between music for worship and music for celebrating and entertaining. There is no biblical statement prohibiting applause, but since special music is a part of our service worshipping God, we request that you refrain from applauding and instead offer any encouragement or appreciation to the individuals on a personal level. A number of musicians and singers have stated a preference for no applause, wishing only to contribute to our worship of God. To those who feel this way, it is embarrassing to receive applause for their efforts.

Emergency Assistance

There are a few instances of unexpected emergencies that affect a member's finances while at the Feast. Before asking other brethren for financial help and before anyone gives financial assistance to others, all requests or offers of assistance should be coordinated through the business office. In most cases, the church may have already provided assistance to people and additional funds given directly from other brethren may not be necessary.

"Family Helping Family" Program

God intends the Feast to be a time of spiritual and physical rejoicing. Although we all have the opportunity for a spiritually rewarding Festival, we would like to make it possible for everyone to enjoy Feast-time physical activities. If you have extra second tithe, consider making a donation in order to help other brethren and families participate in our group activities. A box for donations will be located at the Information Table. Also, if you need a little help so as to attend the above activities, please stop by the Feast Coordinator's office so we can help make such arrangements. This "Family Helping Family" program is being sponsored at all U.S. and Canadian Feast sites.

Holy Day Offerings

A Holy Day offering will be taken up at services on Saturday, Sept. 26 (the First Day of the Feast), and during the morning service on Saturday, Oct. 3 (the Last Great Day), in fulfillment of the biblical command found in **Deut. 16:16**. Please be prepared to worship God with an offering. Envelopes will be available at services for those who need them. Please make all checks payable to the United Church of God.

Fragrance Allergies

Over the last few years our society has significantly increased with those suffering from fragrance allergies. We do not want to isolate those members into private rooms to listen to services. Unless there is a special need or emergency we are asking members to refrain from wearing perfumes and colognes to services and indoor activities. Your cooperation will allow others to attend services.

Literature Distribution

Only those materials approved by the Festival Coordinator may be distributed at Feast sites. No other religious material, or any political materials, can be displayed or distributed at any Festival site of the United Church of God, *an International Association*.

Merchandising

It is inappropriate to sell, display or distribute at our Information Tables anything of a commercial or fund-raising nature without prior approval.

Sermon Recordings

Feast sermons will be uploaded to <http://feast.ucg.org> after services each day, or at the conclusion of the Feast. To access them select the “sermons” tab and then select “name of local Feast site” from the drop down menu. Although we cannot provide mp3 copies of sermons to individuals, if you would like to have an mp3 sent to your local pastor, please stop by the Information Table and give us his name. We will send him a copy for the local church library after the Feast.

Teen Activity Liability Policy

The United Church of God, *an International Association*, provides adult chaperones at all officially sponsored activities for teens during the Feast of Tabernacles at all U.S. locations. Officially sponsored activities are those announced from the pulpit and/ or included in the printed announcements. Our standing policy and expectation at Feast of Tabernacles teen activities is that teens (under the age of 18) are to remain at the activity until it is over and/or until their parent(s) or other authorized adult arrives to pick them up. The Church asks that parents advise activity chaperones in advance if they want their teen to be able to leave the premises prematurely during an activity. The Church is not responsible for the oversight of teens once they have left the protection of sponsored activity locations, nor for activities they may engage in that are not officially sponsored.

Etiquette for Services

(Consider these guidelines, based on biblical principles of courtesy and respect)

Be on Time: While a few brethren will occasionally be late for the Church services, regularly coming late to services without a legitimate reason shows a lack of respect for both God and the membership. Please do your best to be on time each day.

Hymns: Singing praises to God is the actual beginning of our services honoring God.

During Church Services: With a large number of members coming together for the Feast of Tabernacles, we often need to address extra people seated in or wandering through the lobby and/or the back of the meeting hall. While there may be a reason for a few people in these areas during services, it is generally inappropriate to be fellowshiping or wandering around in the lobby or the back of the hall while services are being conducted. Ushers and security personnel will be assigned to limit unnecessary traffic in these areas. Please cooperate by remaining in your seat during the services unless given an assignment or having a need that would require otherwise.

Children: Children are a great blessing! However, parents should focus on the need to train their children to sit or be occupied quietly during services. It does take work, effort and patience. If a child's behavior becomes disruptive, one of the parents should as quietly as possible take the child from services, and tend to his or her needs.

Congregation's Response: On the other hand, as parents are working with their small children, we all should show patience and support for them.

Cell Phones: Cell phones should be turned off or put on vibrate during Church services. If it is necessary to answer a call during services, you should do so outside the meeting hall so as not to disturb others around you.

Computer/Video Games: Whether to allow any video games at services is a parental choice. However, many are not quiet and can be distracting. If a child is old enough to play a video game, he or she is likely old enough to learn from the service.

Clothing: What kind of clothing is appropriate for Church services? We should come before God wearing our best. Our attire should be modest and such that shows the proper respect for worship- ping before God.

Speaking Schedule

	Songleader	Sermonette	Sermon
Opening Night Fri, 9/25	Jim Stewart	—	Nick Lamoureux
Holy Day Sat, 9/26	Mark Woltz	Video: John Elliott	Joe Greene
2nd Day Sun, 9/27	Reuben White	Joey Jewell*	David Metzel*
3rd Day Mon, 9/28	Alex Heine	Brent Feiock	John Elliott
4th Day Tues, 9/29	Mark Woltz	Christopher Coser	Tim Heine
5th Day Wed, 9/30	Reuben White	Nathaniel Coser	Steve Diggins
6th Day Thurs, 10/1	Jim Stewart	Reuben White	Nick Lamoureux
7th Day Fri, 10/2	Alex Heine	Jim Dove*	Mark Kasperson*
Holy Day AM Sat, 10/3	Jim Stewart	Ben Powers	Scott G Thouvenin
Holy Day PM Sat, 10/3	Mark Woltz	—	John Elliott
<i>* Denotes Split Sermon</i>			

Housing & General Survey

Housing Survey and General Survey (*Online Only*)

We strongly urge everyone to fill out the two surveys as they greatly assist in future negotiations and provides legitimate feedback to the hotels and the general survey will greatly assist in future planning.

On Day 4 of the Feast, Tuesday, Sept. 29, the online QR code will be activated and ready for use.

Housing Survey QR Code:



For the Housing Survey use this online link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FOTHS26>

General Survey QR Code:



For the General Survey use this online link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FOTGS26>

Please take the time to fill out these online surveys!



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