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Team dinner at local barbecue joint Edley's (Give it a try next time you're in Nashville). From left: Kourtney Kovanis (senior manager of marketing), Scott Delamater (media operations manager), Clint Porter (senior video editor), Jamie Schreiber (video production supervisor). Picture by Mitchell Moss (design production manager).

AI, Algorithms and the Church's Mission

A crew of five media department employees made the trip to Nashville, Tennessee, for two days for the National Religious Broadcasters 2026 International Christian Media Convention. We listened to panels, lectures and workshops on topics relevant to UCG's work in media.

AI dominated as a topic of interest among many of those sessions, covered from many angles including the ethics of using AI in pastoral and ministry work, possible uses for translation into new languages, the legal ramifications of using AI, and more. There were also practical sessions on topics such as "should your

podcast have video?” and “how to create compelling thumbnails for YouTube.”

For lunch Thursday, we met with the media team in attendance from Living Church of God: Mike Desimone, Wallace Smith and Adam West. We shared our experiences with each other, traded software tips, and connected both on our mutual calling to preach the gospel as well as on a personal level over sandwiches and overpriced bottled water (do conventions have a bylaw about overpriced water?). It was nice to meet them and cross paths throughout the two days we were there.

As with any convention, some sessions were highly valuable and others less so. The true benefits emerged in the discussions that followed. During the four-and-a-half-hour drive each way and meals together, our team had many hours to chew on the ideas we heard and consider how they might advance UCG’s mission to preach the gospel of the Kingdom of God. Those extended conversations also strengthened our unity as a team.

We came home with fresh perspective, practical ideas and better questions—exactly the kind of fuel that helps our media work preach the gospel more effectively. Most of all, the trip equipped and edified our team as we continue to further UCG’s mission together.

—Mitchell Moss, Design Production Manager

Feast of Tabernacles

Feast Sites Opening Soon

Club Miléade La Gaillarde Beach, France

Registration opens: March 1, 2026, 12 p.m. EST

Registration Link: ucg.regfox.com/fot-2026-club-milade-la-gaillarde-france

Montego Bay, Jamaica

Registration opens: March 1, 2026, 12 p.m. EST

Registration Link: ucg.regfox.com/fot-2026-montego-bay-jamaica



Festival Planning Guide

This year's Festival Planning Guide is available in the center pages of the March-April *United News*.^{*} You can also find it online at feast.ucg.org.

This helpful guide includes a current listing of available Feast sites as well as information about how and when to register.

^{*}Please note, the online site list has the latest information; new Feast sites will be posted as details become available.

[View List of Feast of Tabernacles Sites](#)



Are you ready to take the next step in your growth? Do you feel the pull to push past your comfort zone? If you're at a pivotal moment in life and eager to be challenged toward something greater, this could be your opportunity.

Challenger 2026 is now accepting applications for a life-changing experience. If you're ready to deepen your spiritual life, build lasting relationships, and challenge yourself physically and mentally, the Challenger program may be exactly what you're looking for.

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Upcoming Events

March

- 1: [Feast Registration for France opens](#) - Online
- 13–15: [Women’s Enrichment Weekend](#) - Franklin, TN
- 13–15: [Women’s Enrichment Weekend](#) - Canby, OR
- 14–15: [Midwest Teen Prom](#) - Berlin, OH
- 14–15: [Women’s Enrichment Weekend](#) - Ozark, MO
- 20–22: [DFW Regional Family and Prom Weekend](#) - Dallas, TX

April

- 1: [Passover \(observed previous evening\)](#)
- 2-8: [Feast of Unleavened Bread](#)
- 17–19: [Women’s Enrichment Weekend](#) - Fairmont Hot Springs, BC
- 23–26: [Mammoth Cave Camping Weekend](#) - Mammoth Cave National Park, KY

May

- 18–22: [ABC Continuing Education](#) - Milford, OH
- 24: [Pentecost](#)
- 25–29: [Camp Florida](#) - Umatilla, FL
- 31–June 3: [Camp Gilmont](#) - Gilmer, TX

