



United Church of God
an International Association
Cincinnati

Announcements – May 2, 2026

General Conference of Elders
Holiday Inn Eastgate, 4501 Eastgate Blvd., Cincinnati, OH 45245
2:00 P.M.

Songleader	Joshua Creech
Pianist	Duncan McClenagan
Split Sermon	Gabriel Garcia
Special Music	ABC Chorale
Split Sermon	John Elliott

GCE Sabbath Service, 5/2: Sabbath services for the General Conference of Elders weekend will be held at 2:00 p.m. on May 2. We will meet at the Holiday Inn Eastgate, 4501 Eastgate Blvd, Cincinnati, OH 45245. If you cannot attend in person, you can view the service online. Go to <https://ucg.org/sabbath-webcast> and choose the webcast for May 2. Other ways to access the service:

- Watch in the *Beyond Today* App: The GCE webcast will appear in the “Featured” section of the *Beyond Today* app when you open it on Saturday, May 2.
- Call-In Directions for Members without Internet Access: For those who can pay for long-distance calls or have an unlimited phone calling plan, call (508) 924-1634. No access code is needed.
- Toll-free Calling Directions: For those who have limited phone calling time or have to pay for long-distance calling, call (844) 855-4444. When asked, enter access code 599110 followed by #. Please call as close to the start of services as possible. If the host has not called to activate the meeting you will be put on hold and then asked to call again later. (This is to prevent unnecessary phone charges for waiting time.)

Elders’ Meetings, 5/2-5/7: The General Conference of Elders will run this weekend through Monday, followed by the Council of Elders meeting on Tuesday through Thursday. Your prayers for God’s guidance on the decisions made during these meetings are greatly appreciated.

Help Needed – PM Snacks! We need helpers for the PM Snack Teams. If you can help out once a month, please let us know. This would include serving the snacks and helping with cleaning up afterwards. Please contact Stephana Thornton if you are able to serve our congregation in this way. We also want to encourage you all to bring snacks (finger foods), especially if you have children or if you, yourselves, are enjoying the snacks that others are bringing.

Food Bank Drive, 5/9: Since we will be meeting offsite for services on May 2, our next collection of food donations to benefit St. George Food Pantry will be on May 9.

Sabbath School Memory Work, 5/9 and 5/16: Students have two additional opportunities to recite their memory work and earn rewards. The first will be on May 9: students can come to the Mail Room between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m. The second will be at 1:00-1:25 p.m. on May 16, before our last Sabbath School class of this school year.

Teen Bible Study, 5/9: The Teen Bible Study will be held in the Conference Room at 1:30 p.m. on May 9.

Teen Speech Club, 5/9: The Teen Speech Club will meet at 5:15 p.m. on May 9 for a light meal, which will be followed by the club meeting at around 6:00 p.m.

Music Recital, 5/10: Duncan McClenagan will be hosting a piano recital for his piano students as well as other music students in the church. It will be held at the Home Office on Sunday, May 10, at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come: light refreshments will be provided.

In-Home Bible Study, 5/12: The next in-home Bible study will be at Clay and Stephana Thornton’s home (899 Baccarat Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45245) on Tuesday evening, May 12. Please contact Stephana if you plan on coming and let her know what you would like to contribute to the potluck meal at 6:30 p.m.

Youth Instruction/Sabbath School Classes, 5/16: Sabbath School classes will be held at 1:25 p.m. on May 16. They will meet in the following locations: Classes 1 and 2 – the Warehouse; Class 3 – the Conference Room; Class 4 – the Library. Students who would like to do Memory Work can come to the Warehouse beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Class	Lesson	Teachers
1	Kindness	Jennifer Phelps, Courtney Creech
2	Goodness	Elizabeth Myers, Jacqueline Myers
3	Love	Eric de Campos, Christina de Campos,
4	Gentleness	Duane Phelps, Lisa Phelps

The Children's Choir will rehearse in the Mail Room immediately after class.

Brown County Pentecost Weekend: Registration is open for the 2026 Pentecost Weekend in beautiful Brown County Indiana, including the traditional Saturday evening concert. The weekend includes a Bible study, Sabbath and Holy Day services onsite and more.

- **Accommodations:** UCG discount rates for the Abe Martin Lodge and the Brown County state park cabins are available and open for reservations. To receive the low rates for accommodations, the Brown County staff asks that members call the central reservation service (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 0522UG). 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.
- **Registration:** A dedicated UCG Pentecost weekend website is available that includes reservation information, schedules, sign-up capacity for the Concert for God, and more! Sign up as soon as possible if you plan to take part in performing music and other volunteer roles during this special weekend. You can also sign up directly for the Holy Day luncheon. The website also includes information about the traditional Sabbath afternoon potluck and times for services.

The site will be updated several times as we get closer to the weekend, so check back for updated schedules and opportunities. Questions? Contact Jamie Snyder at jamie@themekgroup.com. Details and registration: <https://pentecostbrowncounty.ucgevents.org/register>.

Spring/Summer Cincinnati Ladies Day Out, 5/31: All ladies ages 18 and up are invited to a relaxing afternoon at the Cincinnati Art Museum on Sunday, May 31.

- Admission and parking are free!
 - We plan to meet at the museum at 1:00 p.m., with a possible picnic lunch beforehand. (Details to follow soon.)
- Please sign up on the sheet at the Information Table if you plan to attend to help us plan the event.

SAVE THE DATE! Cincinnati Area Church Picnic, 6/7: Please mark your calendars now for our annual church picnic. Sycamore Park (Batavia) has been reserved for *Sunday, June 7*. Plan for 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. with lunch at noon. More details will follow. Let the Japhets know how you would like the picnic to go and how you would like to help. Plan to join the fun and fellowship!

United Youth Camps – Opportunity for Red Cross Lifeguard Certification in Illinois: Most of our United Youth Camps need certified lifeguards! We have an opportunity for you to get a lifeguard certification (or recertification) without conflicting with the Sabbath, which is hard to find at most facilities. All classes will take place in Peoria, Illinois.

This summer, Kira Olar is offering three different dates for new certifications. You must attend all three days in a session and pass all requirements during one of the following sessions:

- May 18–20
- May 27–29
- June 24–26 (may move up one day to June 23-25)

She is also offering three different lifeguard recertification classes. You only have to attend one of these:

- May 17, 8 a.m.–6 p.m. (backup location: YWCA in Peoria, Illinois)
- May 22, 7 a.m.–5 p.m.
- June 26, 7 a.m.–5 p.m.

If you are interested in this opportunity and would like more details, please contact Kira Olar at barrkira7@gmail.com or 515-776-8445

Join us for Challenger Sierra 2026! You're invited to an incredible backpacking experience in the Emigrant Wilderness of California! This year, Challenger Sierra will be held from July 29–August 4. Come appreciate God's creation, physically challenge yourself and participate in spiritual discussions with like-minded young adults! Ages 18-32, single and married, are welcome!

Are you ready for an unforgettable week of spiritual growth and connection with God's people in a beautiful outdoor setting? *Register by May 9*. We look forward to seeing you!

Feast Registration: General registration for the Feast is now open for all members. All Feast sites are expected to have adequate capacity except for possibly Walnut Creek, OH. Note: If you are unable to attend the Feast in person, please register on the page for "Unable to Attend:" <https://ucg.regfox.com/fot-2026-unable-to-attend>.

Feast Housing Reservations:

As a reminder, the annual Feast Planning Brochure was not printed this year. All information can be found at the Feast website: <https://ucg.org/members/feast-of-tabernacles>. Each individual Feast website displays a "Housing Info" link for discounted rates. You will also notice that each United States Feast site also has a printable "Fact Sheet" available online. Members can easily print these for information tables or share a physical copy with members who don't have internet access.

Except for Walnut Creek you may book housing now, as these sites are not expected to reach capacity. However, be sure to officially register on April 26!

Questions can be emailed to Festival@ucg.org or call (970) 484-5878.

Festival Planning Assistance: If you need assistance with making your Feast plans, please contact your Festival Advisor: Caleb Creech for AM (caleb_creech@yahoo.com, 816-810-2905), Ken Japhet for PM (ken.japhet@gmail.com, 503-507-7770) and Doug Knuckles for North (doug.knuckles@gmail.com, 513-317-1671).

Beyond Today Weekly Schedule: The *new schedule* for *Beyond Today* programs on THE WORD Network (altafiber Elite Channel 263, Spectrum Select Channel 386) is at the following times: 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, plus 12:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. 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>.

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470	Unmasked: Satan the Identity Thief The devil is at work today slyly scheming to steal your spiritual identity. Learn how not to be his victim.	Steve Myers	Why Were You Born?	May 3
472	Unmasked: Satan and the Beast of Revelation The Bible reveals a man known as the Beast who under Satan's sway will deceive nearly all the world.	Steve Myers	The Book of Revelation Unveiled	May 10
447	Headline Prophets Many Christian leaders today make bizarre prophetic assertions about news events. Learn how not to be misled by their claims.	Gary Petty	You Can Understand Bible Prophecy	May 17
428	Is Jesus the Only Way? Many believe that all religions lead to God. But Christ taught that people must accept Him as the sole path to the Father.	Gary Petty	Jesus Christ: The Real Story	May 24

Beyond Today 14-Week Test on The WORD Network – Week 10:

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470	Unmasked: Satan the Identity Thief The devil is at work today slyly scheming to steal your spiritual identity. Learn how not to be his victim.	Steve Myers	Why Were You Born?	May 3 12:30 p.m./ 6:00 p.m.
432	How Do You Know God Exists? While this is a critically important question, the way you answer it is just as significant as the answer itself.	Darris McNeely	Life's Ultimate Question: Does God Exist?	May 4 5:00 p.m./ 2:00 a.m.*
444	Questions God Asks You Why would God query you? Isn't He all-knowing? What kind of answers would He expect? Are you prepared for a challenge?	Gary Petty	Why Does God Allow Suffering	May 5 5:00 p.m./ 2:00 a.m.*
418	When Will Peace Come to the Middle East While recent peace treaties are admirable, lasting peace won't come until Jesus Christ returns to Earth.	Darris McNeely	The Middle East In Bible Prophecy	May 6 5:00 p.m./ 2:00 a.m.*
482	The Way, Part 3: The Unknown God Do you long for some kind of personal meaning you can't fully define? If you seek God He will show you the Way.	Gary Petty	Who Is God	May 7 5:00 p.m./ 2:00 a.m.*
443	Great Conspiracy Scripture says a great world dictator and false religious system will arise in the future. Learn how not to be deceived.	Steve Myers	Who Is the Antichrist?	May 8 5:00 p.m./ 2:00 a.m.*
470	Unmasked: Satan the Identity Thief The devil is at work today slyly scheming to steal your spiritual identity. Learn how not to be his victim.	Steve Myers	Why Were You Born?	May 9 9:00 a.m.

*2:00 a.m. airings occur on the following calendar day as a repeat of the 5:00 p.m. airing.