UCG Atlanta & Buford | Sabbath Announcements

Saturday, October 24, 2026

Hi friends,

From time to time, as arguabley the most central congregation in United's Southeast region, our area has the opportunity to host special event for United members in our region, as well as those beyond our region. Tomorrow is one of those days. With UCG's Southeast Regional Ministerial Conference taking place in Atlanta over the next several days (October 24-27), we likely will have several guests at Sabbath services tomorrow in Atlanta. As an area, you are routinely very good at warmly welcoming others, as we are admonished to do in scripture (Genesis 18:1-8, Romans 12:13, Romans 16:3-5, 1 Peter 4:9). Please pray for the safe travel of those coming to the area, and take the time to extend a warm smile, a handshake, and a greeting to those who will be here with us to worship God. Further, spend some time in conversation. In doing so, you will be acting as a good host, improving someone's Sabbath, and ultimately unifying the Body of Christ.

> Romans 12:4–5 – "For just as each of us has one body with many members... so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."

Thank you, in advance, for doing this.

Here are this week's anouncments.

1. Combined Sabbath Service — October 24

Tomorrow, October 24, we will hold combined Atlanta/Buford Sabbath services at Unity Atlanta, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

We plan to return to our respective congregations for services on October 31 and November 7.

2. Unable to Attend? Watch the Atlanta Webcast

If you are not feeling well, please plan to watch the Atlanta webcast online. Enter the channel password "treeoflife" (without spaces).

https://www.ucg.org/congregations/atlanta-ga

3. UCG Atlanta Bible Study — October 27

Our next Atlanta Bible Study will be held Tuesday evening, October 27, at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Jerold Aust will lead the study as we continue our examination of the Gospel of John, focusing this week on John 11.

For those joining online, the Zoom information is below:

Zoom meeting link: https://us05web.zoom.us/j/83871677401?pwd=CSoupVrJ3qHxQQaq94jgeBnQZOajZ%E2%80%A6#success

Meeting ID: 838 7167 7401 | Passcode: 857315

4. Jeopardy After Dark — October 31

Because October 31 falls on the Sabbath and many of us will be dealing with trick-or-treaters in our neighborhoods after sunset, the Atlanta congregation will host an evening of Jeopardy at Unity Atlanta. Please plan to join us for a fun time of fellowship. Our October 31 schedule in Atlanta includes:

- Sabbath services
- Dinner on your own after services
- Jeopardy at Unity Atlanta after sunset

5. Feast Slideshow Photos — Deadline November 7

We'd love to include your Feast photos in our post-Feast slideshow! Please use the Google Drive link below to upload 4–5 photos per person, with a maximum of 10 photos per family. Thank you for sharing your Feast memories with everyone!

Upload your photos here: https://tinyurl.com/2026fotpics or email your contributions to ucg.atlantabuford@gmail.com or text them to (251) 342-4329.

If you have questions or difficulty uploading photos, please contact Dr. Crystal Thomas, who is preparing our slideshow for November 14. The submission deadline is November 7.

6. Men's Song Leader Workshop — November 14

Men who currently lead songs, as well as those interested in learning, are invited to a Song Leader Workshop on Saturday, November 14, at Unity Atlanta, beginning at 12:15 p.m.

The song service is an important part of our worship. During the workshop, we will discuss its purpose, the responsibilities of a song leader, and basic techniques for leading congregational hymns. A musical background is not required; a sense of rhythm, familiarity with the hymns, and a desire to serve are a good starting point.

If you currently lead songs or are a young man in your late teens or older interested in serving in this way, please join us. For questions, contact Charlie Graby, workshop facilitator.

7. Atlanta/Buford Thanksgiving Covered-Dish Meal — November 14

Our annual Thanksgiving covered-dish meal will take place after Sabbath services on November 14. We hope you can join us for food and fellowship. Please help us prepare by noting the following:

- Volunteer for setup or cleanup. Men and women are welcome to help; use the signup link below and indicate your availability.
- Let us know what you are bringing. Listing your dish or dishes will help us provide variety and avoid duplicates.
- Label all serving dishes and utensils with your name. If you purchase prepared food, please place it in your own labeled serving dish and bring a labeled serving utensil.
- Take your dishes, utensils, containers, and leftovers home afterward. Please do not leave disposable or reusable items behind for the cleanup crew.

https://tinyurl.com/3zndduuz

Thank you for helping make this meal enjoyable for everyone! — Scott and Crystal Thomas

8. New Event Date: Savoy Automobile Museum — December 6

Interested in a day of fun and fellowship? We are organizing a visit to the Savoy Automobile Museum in Cartersville, Georgia, on Sunday, December 6. Come explore the galleries and enjoy the history and design of classic automobiles.

Admission (as provided):

- General admission: $17 at the gate, or $15 when purchased online in advance
- Youth ages 3–12: $7
- Children ages 2 and under and active military: Free

Special promotion: Because the visit falls on the first full weekend of the month, eligible Bank of America or Merrill cardholders may qualify for free general admission through the Museums on Us program. Bring an eligible card and valid photo ID; please verify the museum's participation and promotion terms before your visit.

If you would like to join us, please raise a hand tomorrow for this activity, when asked.

9. ABC Calendar Fundraiser. The ABC Class of 2027 is excited to offer this year's Holy Day Calendar Planners! We've made some changes to this year's calendars! Instead of the fully magnetic calendars offered in previous years, the new 11 × 17 inch wall calendars are printed on premium, heavyweight cardstock, providing a larger format, clearer printing, bigger dates, color-coded Holy Days and plenty of room to write.

Cost: $8 each

Shipping: Calendars will be shipped in bulk directly to your local congregation in December.

Want to display your calendar on the refrigerator? Simply check the "Include Magnets" box when ordering, and we'll

include two free adhesive magnet squares to attach to the back.

Proceeds from this fundraiser help ABC students participate in extracurricular educational and service projects that enrich their experience and benefit the Church. We sincerely appreciate your continued support of our ABC students!

Looking for more ABC gear? You can also order apparel and accessories through our UCG Apparel and Accessories Store. https://www.bonfire.com/store/ucg-apparel-and-accessories/

Questions? Email abcfundraiser@ucg.org.

10. Summary of Upcoming Events

- October 24 — Combined Sabbath services at Unity Atlanta, 2:30 p.m.
- October 27, 7:00 p.m. — UCG Atlanta Bible Study (John 11)
- October 24–27 — Southeast Regional Ministerial Conference
- October 31 — Local congregational services; Jeopardy After Dark at Unity Atlanta
- November 7 — Feast slideshow photo deadline
- November 14 — Combined Sabbath services, Sabbath School, Teen Bible Study, Song Leader Workshop, Feast slideshow, and Thanksgiving covered-dish meal
- December 6 — New date: Savoy Automobile Museum outing
- December 22–27 — Winter Family Weekend, Hamilton, Ohio
- December 28 — UYC Winter Camp begins (apply now!)

I close with an update on Makayla Thomas's lumbar puncture to measure her spinal fluid pressure that took place earlier today. Thus far, it's believed that the procedure went well. However, the next 2-3 days are important for helping them decide what steps need to be taken next regarding her situation. Please keep Makayla in your prayers as she moves forward.

That's it for this evening. Happy Sabbath! See you tomorrow in Atlanta for services.

In love,

Philip Aust
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Memory Verse — Ezekiel 38

Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him, 3 and say, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal.
(Ezekiel 38-39, God and Magog)