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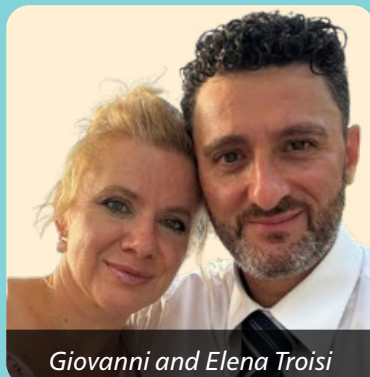
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Steve and Stephanie Corley



Giovanni (and Grazia) Faraone



Giovanni and Elena Troisi

Ministerial and Member Services is pleased to announce the following ordinations.

On Aug. 15, 2026, David Lechien was ordained into the ministry. He and his wife, Christine, attend the Stirling congregation in Scotland, and David serves full time as assistant pastor for Franco-phone Europe and French West Africa.

On Aug. 29, 2026, Steve Corley was ordained into the ministry. He and his wife, Stephanie, attend the congregation in Kingsport, Tennessee. Steve also serves congregations in London, Kentucky; Knoxville, Tennessee; and Roanoke, Virginia.

On Sept. 26, 2026, Giovanni Faraone was ordained into the ministry. He and his wife, Grazia, serve the congregation in Milan, Italy.

On Sept. 26, 2026, Giovanni Troisi was ordained into the ministry. He and his wife, Elena, serve the congregation in Milan, Italy.

We greatly appreciate your prayers for these men, their families and the congregations they serve.

Steve Myers

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Anchor Yourself in the *Kingdom of God*

We have just walked through all seven annual festivals of God, from Passover to the Eighth Day (Leviticus 23). Together they reveal His remarkable plan to offer eternal life to every human being created in His image. Now we carry that vision home. The festival season may be over, but its meaning must continue to guide us.

Society's winds of change are blowing strongly these days. Lawless opinions multiply in media, religion, education and politics, and the pressure to conform comes from every direction. "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death" (Proverbs 14:12). God's answer is to stay rooted: "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, and whose hope is the LORD. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river" (Jeremiah 17:7-8).

A tree stands through strong winds because its roots are deep. We, too, must deepen our relationship with God and anchor our lives in His Kingdom.

First, remember that God is always sovereign in heaven and on earth. "The earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein" (Psalm 24:1). Although Satan exercises influence in this present age, his authority is temporary and limited by what God allows. God's festivals remind us that history is moving toward His purpose and reinforce His sovereignty now and forever.

Second, treasure the understanding God has given you. Your eyes have been opened at this time, while others' eyes have not yet been opened. "But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear" (Matthew 13:16). To God we are "a chosen generation, a royal priesthood" (1 Peter 2:9), called as firstfruits to assist Christ in His Kingdom. The world cannot even imagine what we just celebrated. "But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God" (1 Corinthians 2:10). This wonderful calling is a reason for gratitude, humility and loving service.

Third, remain faithful to the worship and way of life God has revealed. Only the Body of Christ (the Church) can judge what and how we observe His laws. "Therefore, let no one judge you in food or in drink, or in respect of a feast, or of the new moon, or of the sabbaths... but the body of Christ" (Colossians 2:16-17, Modern King James Version). Paul had just warned them to beware of "philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men" (Colossians 2:8). God, not the surrounding culture, defines His law and worship. Under Jesus Christ, the Head of

the Church, His Body teaches and guides faithful observance. We follow Christ and the apostles in keeping God's Sabbath and Holy Days (Luke 4:16; Acts 20:16; 1 Corinthians 5:7-8).

As the hours of daylight lessen, dark holidays and customs increase society's pressure to conform. Halloween features occult practices God forbids (Deuteronomy 18:10-12). The false emphasis on Christ's birth, tied to ancient sun worship and the winter solstice and buried in materialism, distracts people from biblical instructions. Easter-related fantasies have roots in ancient fertility rites, while the emphasis on a supposed resurrection observance minimizes Christ's Passover sacrifice (1 Corinthians 5:7-8). Meanwhile, God's weekly and annual Sabbaths remain a sign of our relationship with Him (Exodus 31:13).

We are part of a generation in which human-devised transportation and information technology are advancing at a remarkable pace. Prophecy speaks of those two components as heralds of "the time of the end" when "many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase" (Daniel 12:4). Just look at human transportation, along with the boom of AI tools. These are catapulting society into a time when humanity is forecast to clash with the Kingdom of God.

After each Feast, the challenge is not simply to remember its joy but to let God's truth shape our choices throughout the year. "Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away" (Hebrews 2:1). We do that through prayer, studying His Word, faithful Sabbath observance and loving fellowship. Jesus gave us the priority: "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" (Matthew 6:33). This is our daily way of life.

When the currents of this world grow strong, remember God's promise: "This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast" (Hebrews 6:19). Our confidence rests not on society's stability but on God's faithfulness and Jesus Christ's return.

Remember what God has taught you through the annual festivals. Be convicted by what you just rehearsed, including the truths that unite us as one Body in Christ. Hold fast to these truths and live them each day. The Kingdom pictured by God's festivals is coming—and God is preparing us to be part of it.

John Elliott

President, United Church of God



Honoring Deceased Elders and Wives



Lowell Crosby

We are saddened to share the news of the death of longtime elder William

Lowell Crosby, of Blue Springs, Missouri, who died on Sept. 28, 2026, at the age of 89.

Lowell faithfully served in the Kansas City area for more than 40 years. During that time, he was involved in nearly every aspect of congregational life and was always willing to lend a hand wherever there was a need.

Lowell will be remembered for his warm personality, gentle spirit and genuine love and concern for God's people. He was an extremely capable, kind, compassionate and loving servant of God. His many years of dedicated service, his friendship and the personal interest he took in others touched many lives.

He was a wonderful example of humble, faithful service and will be greatly missed by the brethren who knew and loved him.

Lowell and his beloved wife, Denise, shared more than 65 years of marriage. We are deeply thankful for their many years of faithful service and the wonderful example they have set. Please keep Denise and the entire family in your prayers, asking God to surround them with His comfort, peace and strength in the days ahead. We are thankful for God's wonderful promise of the resurrection and the hope of seeing our faithful brothers and sisters once again in His Kingdom. [UN](#)



Norma Holladay

Norma Violet Holladay, 84, of Ooltewah, Tennessee, died on Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2026.

Norma was born in Memphis, Tennessee, on Sept. 17, 1941, to Violet and William Curtis Cowan, who preceded her in death. She had one brother, Bill Cowan, who also preceded her in death.

Early on, Norma found her passion for music through the alto saxophone, and participated in her high school marching band and played in the school dance

band all four years. She also participated in the ROTC Army band and played in the Cotton Bowl with the Marine Band. She lettered in volleyball in high school, and was shortstop for her local women's softball team.

Norma began attending Ambassador College in 1959. She was recognized as a leader early on, served three years as a dorm monitor, and participated on the student council. This is where she met Roy Holladay, whom she married shortly after graduation, leading to 63 years of marriage. She was mother to five boys—Arthur, David, Ted, Craig and Mark—and grandmother to 13. She was much loved and respected by everyone who knew her as she strove to set an example of a godly, serving woman.

Norma dedicated her life to being a mother and supporting Roy in the ministry for 63 years. She had a special ability to make others feel seen and loved. For years she would make a point of writing cards and letters on a daily basis for everyone she knew. Many thousands of

cards were ultimately sent to acknowledge birthdays, anniversaries, graduations and prayer requests—a service of love that had a wide impact on many people around the world.

Roy said: "God was at the center of our marriage. He selected just the right converted wife for me. She was an amazing helper in loving service to her family, her spiritual family and everyone she met."

While our hearts are broken, we find comfort in knowing that she lived a full and blessed life and died peacefully with family around her. We are grateful for the many years, memories and blessings we shared with her. We take great comfort in God's plan and that we will see her again.

A small memorial service was held on Aug. 13 in Seattle, Washington where Bob Dick led an uplifting service and celebration of Norma. A larger celebration of life service was held Aug. 16 in Chattanooga, Tennessee, led by Victor Kubik, attended by many friends and family. [UN](#)

Local Church News

Gear Grinder Bike Ride

The fourth annual UCG 2026 Gear Grinder Bike Ride was an amazing success!

A huge “thank you” to the Twin Cities United Church of God congregation for hosting the ride this year, to the volunteers who manned the rest stops and prepared and served a wonderful post-ride lunch, to those who came to clap and cheer at the finish, and to the small but mighty group of riders who showed up to grind gears in the beautiful Lake Minnetonka area of the Twin Cities!

We’re looking forward to seeing more riders joining us next year for Gear Grinder 2027! Pedal on! Registration will begin in January.

Tony Stith



Richmond’s Annual Ice Cream Social

Each year during the month of August, the brethren of the Richmond, Virginia congregation serve ice cream with special toppings before the fall Holy Days.

This church social reminds us that the Feast of Trumpets is around the corner, festival music practice must be continued and the cooler weather is coming. We also pick a theme to focus on during this social. This year’s theme was the beatitudes.

Kathy Shafer

August 2-9, 2026



British Isles

Family Camp in the British Isles was held this summer from Aug. 2-9, 2026, near the pretty town of Hay-on-Wye on the English-Welsh border. Days were hot and dry and we were able to enjoy all of our meals outside. Our venue provided beautiful countryside and views over the Black mountains.

Attendees this year came from England, Scotland, Germany, Holland, Switzerland and Sweden. We had 47 campers aged from 3-19 years and by the weekend, had 10 wonderful young people in their 20s, joining other helpers, parents and grandparents. It was a fantastic week of living and supporting one another. The kitchen team deserves a special mention, for their tireless work in cooking for over 90 people and providing such delicious and healthy meals. Thanks also to our cleaners, activity leads and two doctors in attendance.

Our volunteers ran football, volleyball, rounders, self-defense, pottery, baking, an escape room and other craft activities for our youngest campers. The activity center staff ran onsite archery, BMX biking, and climbing for our group. Every camper aged seven and above was able to take part in an off-site activity of either gorge walking or caving.

On the hottest day at camp, the whole group including adults walked to the nearby river Wye to a paddling / wild swimming spot to cool down. Later in the week, we visited

the historic "book town" of Hay-on-Wye for a treasure hunt and ice cream.

In the evenings, we enjoyed a quiz, health talk, country dancing, speed puzzling, karaoke and talent show and wrapped up the week with certificates for all campers and a slideshow of the week.

Each morning at camp, we gathered for Thought of the Day, which this year focused on various topics linked to our theme, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). Whole camp interactive sessions were followed up with age-appropriate focused discussions in smaller groups. Each evening, we gathered for a hymn and prayer. On the Sabbath, we were pleased to welcome some additional guests. There were three shorter messages and a lovely piece of special music.

A big thank you to all of the campers who came this year and to all of our youth supporters and leaders. A very big thank you also to all the other adults who supported camp this year, working hard to make it a success. As always, ultimately, all thanks to God for His blessing and protection on another family camp.

Debi Richardson

Camp British Isles





August 9-13, 2026



Ocho Rios, Jamaica

At Jam Villa in Ocho Rios, camp brought together 20 campers, ages 8 to 18, and 12 counselors in a beautiful setting surrounded by lush greenery and natural scenery.

Camp began with icebreaker games which helped everyone feel more comfortable, meet new people and settle into the camp environment. The day also included time in the pool, giving campers a relaxed opportunity to connect. The Christian living theme for the day was “Hear My Voice,” based on John 10:27.

The second day focused on the theme “Come to Me.” We went to the beach, where campers participated in swimming, snorkeling, volleyball and team-building games. One of my favorite moments of the entire camp happened during a game of chicken fight in the water with Charlotte, Noah, Isabelle and Dayne—an activity full of laughter. The day also included useful job preparation lessons. We learned how to prepare résumés and job applications and how to dress appropriately for an interview. Later, everyone enjoyed songleading and hymn singing taught by Mr. Lockhart.

The theme for the third day was “Learn from Me.” One of the biggest highlights of that day was line dancing because of the laughter, teamwork and fellowship involved. We switched partners throughout the activity, which gave us opportunities to interact with different people and enjoy fellowship together. The day’s activities also included bracelet-making. We chose our own beads and color schemes. We also participated in a community clean-up, picking up garbage while laughing and talking with friends. Another valuable session focused on social media etiquette. We discussed how to avoid cyberbullying, be careful about what we post, and think about how we present ourselves online. We also practiced public speaking and shared a slideshow of pictures from previous days.

The fourth day’s theme was “Love Me.” The day’s events included career classes. We played a game at the beach and participated in an activity that emphasized the importance of listening for our Shepherd’s voice by using animal sounds to find our assigned teammates while blindfolded. The game was hilarious, but it also taught an important lesson: When many voices compete for our attention, we must learn to recognize the voice we are meant to follow. At this point, the group felt

more like a family. We were growing closer, laughing together and learning more about one another.

The final theme was “You Follow Me.” One of the most useful activities that day was the mock job interview. Everyone dressed professionally, and many of us felt a little nervous. The experience taught me the importance of preparation, confidence, communication and professionalism. A finance class led by Mr. Lockhart taught us about managing money, creating a budget and giving tithes and offerings to God. Other activities included basketball and a session on how AI can be used to support school projects and other useful tasks.

Even though camp was coming to an end, we continued building new friendships and strengthening the bonds we had formed throughout the week. Leaving was difficult because we had become a camp family.

Camp Jamaica taught me that God loves us and wants us to show genuine love to our neighbors. Love is not only something we say; it is something we demonstrate through our actions and through our desire to do good for others. The camp also strengthened my understanding that God is our Shepherd and that we should always seek to hear His voice and follow His guidance. My relationship with God became stronger during the camp.

One of the most meaningful parts of camp was watching everyone grow closer. I am grateful to the counselors, staff and everyone who helped make the camp possible. Camp Jamaica was more than five days of activities; it was five days of faith, friendship, learning, laughter and growth that I will always remember.

Isabelle Perry

Camp Jamaica





Summer 2026



Chilema, Malawi



This year's youth camp was held in Chilema, at the foot of Zomba Mountain in the Southern Region of Malawi.

The camp, a spacious facility with beautiful dormitories and chalets, reached its full capacity with 45 campers and 28 staff members. The week centered on the Christian living theme "Follow Me," challenging everyone to embrace a life devoted to Christ. Daily messages based on Jesus' words—"Hear My Voice," "Come to Me," "Learn from Me," "Love Me" and "You Follow Me"—encouraged spiritual growth that was evident throughout the week.

Despite the cold weather, campers remained enthusiastic and focused on activities such as Bible spelling, balloon races, Pull of Peace, three-legged races, arts and crafts, Bible quizzes, relay races, a treasure hunt and many more.

One highlight of the week was a guided tour to see the Chilema tree, from which the camp gets its name. The name Chilema means "disabled" or "deformed," which aptly describes the shape of the tree as it grows. Wherever the tree touches the ground, it spreads and produces another tree. The tree we saw has spread about 200 meters from the mother tree along a swampy stream. Its bark and leaves are used for medicinal purposes.

We are deeply thankful to our Father and His Son for leading us at Camp Chilema, a special place where we felt Their presence throughout the week. We suffered no serious sickness or injury, which was a tremendous blessing.

We also thank the parents for entrusting us with the opportunity to encourage their teens to learn to live a godly life. Camp meals, dormitory interaction and various activities enabled our young people to spend time together and get to know one another better.

Thank you for your continued prayers and for the financial support provided by the home office through Good Works. We believe your support played an important role in yet another successful and spiritually uplifting camp at Chilema.



Gracious Mpilangwe
Camp Malawi





July 29-Aug. 4, 2026

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Emigrant Wilderness, CA

The Challenge of a Lifetime

I breathed heavily as I climbed a mountain. My arms and legs moved rhythmically, alternating with each step as I climbed many rock stairs with a large load weighing me down. The bright sun beat down on me as there wasn't a cloud in the sky, and barely a tree for shade. I soon realized even though I was out of breath it was beneficial for me to talk to others—not only distract my mind, but to learn more about my brothers and sisters in Christ who also signed up for this adventure.

Fast-forward a few hours to when we made it to our camping location for the night; I lay down in my tent with my tentmate,

exhausted from the day and barely wanting to move as I felt a little dizzy. I thought to myself, I must have not prepared enough! I should have prepared more. This introspection led me to consider the spiritual analogies as we are given time to prepare ourselves now and the symbolism of walking with Christ and the trials that we endure on our spiritual journey. I awoke to the gray morning light, ready to start the next day's adventure.

Lydia Weaner
Challenger West



Lessons from the Challenger Program

"Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths" (Isaiah 2:3, New International Version).

The Challenger program was a six-day backpacking venture into the Emigrant Wilderness in the California Sierra Mountains north of Yosemite National Park. The adventure offered many benefits for young adults: an opportunity to draw closer to our Heavenly Father by spending time in His creation and to actively learn how to rely on and trust our Savior as the hike tested and strengthened us physically, mentally and spiritually.

An additional opportunity was that of developing a deeper and stronger level of fellowship with like-minded brothers and sisters. This physically testing, six-day, off-the-grid hike transformed acquaintances into a unified support group of Barnabas-like encouragement. The challenges of hiking at high elevation in mountainous terrain could wear a person down. Yet, knowing that we were not alone on this greater journey helped us persevere through each day's hike. The accomplishment was fulfilling in a way that paralleled our spiritual journey.

Each daily hike was accompanied by helpful direction and reassurance from our guiding pastors, not just helping us navigate the paths but also sharing time with us as a small 15-member flock walking the trail together, helping us to get to know ourselves better and appreciate the strengths of each other. We became more trusting and open regarding our concerns, giving us the courage to seek life advice, clarity regarding difficult circumstances, input on our aspirations and career goals,

and ultimately guidance regarding respect and appreciation for the invitation from our Lord and Savior to follow Him.

For many of us, the unrelenting physical challenges led to a turning point in our lives. As we were lifted out of our daily grind, we were able to focus on being in the moment when walking the trails thousands of feet above sea level. The experience gave new meaning to Paul's encouragement: "do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" (Romans 12:2).

This once-in-a-lifetime trip presented us, as young adults, with a chance to realize and understand both the limitations and opportunities we have as human beings. The experiences underscored our need to make a commitment (both physically and spiritually) to walk on God's path—a personal dedication to turn our life toward the light that richly illuminates like a dawning sun.

We were thankful to witness the breathtaking mountainous views and lakes with our own eyes, an experience that went beyond the pictures. We found that it was when you actually took your first steps in your boots on the dirt, that you began to comprehend the magnificence of God's creation around you. The privilege to walk in it and experience this program was humbling and created an indelible mark in our memories.

Winston Snyder
Challenger West



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The Good News

When *Prayer* Loses Its *Spark*

When prayer feels difficult, how can you find your way back to the Father?

by Victor Kubik (originally published at victorkubik.substack.com)

There are seasons in every Christian's life when prayer comes easily. We look forward to those quiet moments with God. We speak freely, almost effortlessly, and leave our prayer time strengthened and encouraged.

Then there are other seasons.

We kneel to pray, but our minds seem to have a life of their own. We begin talking with our Father, only to find ourselves thinking about unfinished projects, family concerns, the latest headlines, something we read yesterday or even what we're going to eat later in the day. We become frustrated because the harder we try to force our thoughts back to prayer, the more distracted we become.

If this has happened to you, you are not alone. Many people who have prayed faithfully for years go through seasons where prayer feels scattered. A distracted mind doesn't necessarily mean a cold heart. Often it simply means you are carrying more concerns, information and mental noise than you realize.

It is a blessing and privilege to know that God welcomes

and enjoys hearing from us in all circumstances. There are many different prayers we give in our lives. Some are quick and sudden when danger is near, or are spontaneous expressions of gratitude for something beautiful that happened, etc. Then there is our regular habit of daily prayer.

From Prayer Books to Personal Conversation

Many of us came from religious backgrounds where prayers were read from prayer books or repeated in formal liturgical patterns. Even as a teenager, I tried to do what was right. For the longest time, I read my morning prayers from a prayer book on my knees beside my bed. This practice became routine and predictable. Then, as my family and I came to understand God's calling more fully, we discovered something wonderful.

We discovered the freedom of talking to our Creator as a loving Father in a conversational one-on-one manner.

What a joy it was! Prayer became a conversation rather than a recital. We no longer depended on written prayers. We

spoke extemporaneously, from the heart, with excitement and anticipation.

Yet over time another problem can quietly develop.

Having left behind rote prayers and memorized expressions, we may drift into disorganized praying. Our thoughts wander. New ideas interrupt old ones. Before long we've forgotten what we were praying about. Prayer becomes fragmented instead of focused.

Eventually we may begin to wonder whether God cares to listen to us—or why He seems so far away.

You're in Good Company

If you've ever felt that God seemed distant, you're walking a path traveled by some of God's greatest servants.

The Psalms express these feelings openly. "Why do You stand afar off, O LORD? Why do You hide in times of trouble?" (Psalm 10:1).

David wrote: "How long, O LORD? Will You forget me forever? How long will You hide Your face from me?" (Psalm 13:1).

Perhaps the most poignant words appear in Psalm 22, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" (verse 1). Jesus Christ Himself quoted these words while suffering on the cross (Matthew 27:46).

Even Psalm 88 closes without a note of triumph: "LORD, why do You cast off my soul? Why do You hide Your face from me?" (verse 14).

These prayers remind us that feelings of distance from God are not unusual. They are part of the human experience. God preserved these prayers in Scripture because He knew we would need them.

We Don't Always Know How to Pray

The apostle Paul gives us another comforting insight: "Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought" (Romans 8:26).

Think about that. Paul doesn't say this is true only of new believers. He says we—all of us—do not always know how to pray as we ought. Why? Because of human weakness.

Our vision is limited. We cannot see the future or understand how God is working through difficult circumstances. In our human nature, we often desire immediate comfort instead of God's eternal purpose. Sometimes grief, disappointment or exhaustion leave us with no words at all.

Yet God does not abandon us in those moments.

His Holy Spirit—the very power and presence of God working within His people—helps us in our weakness. The Father searches our hearts and understands what we cannot always express in words. Even when our prayers seem inadequate, God understands the sincere desires of a heart seeking Him. That truth alone should bring us great comfort.

What Can We Do?

The encouraging news is that distracted prayer does not have to become our permanent condition.

Here are several practices that have helped many believers recover reverence, focus and joy in their conversations with God.

1. Begin with Silence

Before saying a single word, simply sit quietly, perhaps for a couple of minutes. This has become one of the most meaningful parts of my own prayer life.

At first, my mind is crowded with noise. Thoughts about work. Snatches of music playing in my head. Conversations. News stories. Things I've recently read. Plans for the day. The mental clutter seems endless.

But if I remain still, something remarkable happens. Gradually the noise begins to fade. The fog starts to lift. A new awareness settles over me. I remember whose presence I am entering.

My mind becomes quieter, and my thoughts clearer. I am no longer merely thinking—I am consciously approaching my Father in heaven.

"Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10). We can set aside the noise and trouble in the world around us and deliberately turn our attention toward our Creator.

2. Pray with Your Bible Open

Read a few verses before you begin praying. A Psalm. Part of the Gospels. A section from one of Paul's letters. Let God's Word shape your thoughts before you begin speaking.

Prayer becomes much more conversational when our thoughts begin with His words instead of our own.

3. Follow a Simple Pattern

Rather than allowing your thoughts to drift from subject to subject, use a simple framework.

- Praise God for who He is.
- Thank Him for specific blessings.
- Confess your sins and weaknesses honestly.
- Bring your requests for others and yourself.

This isn't a rigid formula. It is simply a guide that helps keep your conversation moving naturally.

4. Keep a Prayer List

Write down the people and situations you want to remember. A written list frees your mind from trying to remember everything at once and allows you to focus on the conversation rather than your memory.

5. Don't Panic When Your Mind Wanders

Your mind will wander. Everyone's does. When you notice you've drifted away, don't become discouraged. Simply return to your last thought and continue talking with your Father.

Psalm 103 reminds us that "He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust" (verse 14).

God is patient. We should be patient with ourselves as well.

6. Pray Out Loud

When circumstances permit, speak quietly.

Hearing your own words often slows your thinking and turns prayer into a real conversation rather than a stream of disconnected thoughts.

7. Finish by Reflecting

When you've finished speaking, don't immediately rush away. Remain quiet for another minute or two. Think about the scriptures you read and the things you have just brought before God.

Quiet reflection can help the lessons of Bible study and prayer stay with us after we get up and return to our responsibilities.

Sincerity Matters More Than Perfection

One thought has encouraged me again and again. The quality of prayer is measured less by eloquence than by sincerity. Jesus warned against empty repetition—not imperfect concentration.

Your Father is not grading your performance. He is welcoming His child.

Perhaps one of the finest daily prayers we can offer is Solomon's request for wisdom:

"Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil" (1 Kings 3:9).

That simple prayer has a way of bringing everything else into focus.

Begin Again

Don't evaluate today's prayer while you're praying it. Simply keep bringing your attention back to God. Show up tomorrow, and the next day.

Faithfulness has a remarkable way of restoring warmth, reverence and closeness. The invitation has never changed.

"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you" (James 4:8). The spiritual renewal you're longing for can begin today! **GN**



Prepare Your Child to Follow Christ

As a Christian parent, what can you do to encourage your children to follow Jesus Christ?

by Linda LaBissoniere

The Bible explains that the children of Christian parents are holy and that God is calling them into a relationship with Him (Acts 2:39; 1 Corinthians 7:14). However, even with God's invitation, your children must personally choose to follow Jesus Christ. You may wonder what you can do now to encourage them to accept His call to live Christian lives. Here are several suggestions to consider.

1. Teach your children to love and revere God

The best way to help your children learn to love God is through your personal example. If your children see that you are in constant loving fellowship with Jesus Christ and obey Him at the expense of small sacrifices in your life, they'll likely desire to do the same. Conversely, if you rarely take time to study the Bible or pray, your children may feel that having a relationship with God is of little or no value.

Besides demonstrating a Christlike example, you can regularly discuss God and His nature with your child. Scripture tells us that parents have the responsibility not only to teach their children about their Creator, but to help them learn the importance of obeying His laws and revering Him (Deuteronomy 6:4-7).

Additionally, be sure to talk often about all that God has done and continues to do. The Bible says we can even boast about Him (Psalm 34:2; 1 Corinthians 1:31). Highlight many of His qualities by pointing out the marvels of the natural world. You can also discuss how God provides your family's daily needs and how He has assisted you in miraculous ways. These actions can help your children comprehend that God is very real and that He blesses those who choose to honor and obey Him.

2. Share the vision of God's purpose for them

Your children need to see not only that God has a purpose for their lives, but that He will guide them into future success. Help them understand that they will receive greater blessings by following God than by leading a life without His involvement.

Make a point to show them not only that they can expect

a promising future, but that life today can be rewarding and fulfilling (John 10:10).

This is important, for if your children feel that living a Christian life is only one of sacrifice with few immediate benefits, it will seem unattractive to them. While helping them enjoy life now, continue pointing them to the special future that awaits them in the coming Kingdom of God (Matthew 6:33).

3. Present Christianity in a positive light

We all know that even while striving to lead a Christian life, troublesome events occur from time to time. Be very careful about discussing negative situations in your children's presence that don't really concern them. This is because most children lack the maturity to accurately evaluate adverse events. If at all possible, discuss such circumstances with your spouse and friends in private.

If your child does learn about a problem, take the time to explain the situation in the most positive manner possible. Failing to do so could lead him or her to inaccurate conclusions. If negativity is emphasized, a child may begin to think that God is weak, powerless or even a myth. Explain that patiently waiting on God's help and intervention is vital and that there are many valuable lessons to be learned in the process.

If your children observe poor or sinful conduct in other Christians, help them understand that all Christians sin at times. Encourage them to pray for those who have fallen short and to trust that God will deal with the situation in a just and fair manner.

4. Teach the purpose and value of trials

God sometimes allows trials to correct and refine us. Children should be taught that such difficulties are meant not to discourage but to strengthen and help us to think and act more like Christ (James 1:2-4).

At times we can unintentionally discourage our children by describing troubles or missed opportunities we've encountered as a result of obeying God's laws.

For example, a parent might mention that he was passed over for a promotion at work because he wouldn't do something unethical. While it's understandable that a parent may be temporarily discouraged by such an event, a child might mistakenly conclude that God's way of obedience, patience and faith doesn't work. Always remember that your child needs to see that God's way of life brings greater success and happiness, but sometimes requires faith and patience on your part (Matthew 11:28-30).

In Romans 8:28, the apostle Paul stated that "all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." Help your child understand this truth by discussing the stories of biblical personalities who successfully overcame difficulties with God's help. Teaching your children lessons like these can help them build spiritual faith and confidence.

5. Fulfill their physical, social and emotional needs

Children need to feel accepted and valued, and it's crucial for their spiritual and emotional development. Be sure to spend a lot of time talking and interacting with them in addition to caring for their physical, social and emotional needs.

Sometimes parents only correct for misbehavior and fail to give their children praise for accomplishments. Try to keep the majority of your interactions positive. You can do this by actively looking for ways to positively reinforce good behavior.

As your children grow into their teen years they'll experience increased social requirements. Since their friends will gradually influence them more and more, it's important to give them many opportunities to interact with other teens from Christian homes.

To do this, however, you might need to give up some of your short-term personal goals. But sacrificing for your children will give you greater long-term blessings. Your sacrifices will also show them how truly loved and valued they are to you.

6. Honor God by disciplining your children

While it's important to make your children feel accepted and valued, they also have to understand that you won't allow bad or sinful behavior. In an attempt to please their children, some parents allow them to dishonor God by their actions. Teach your children godly principles of obedience to all of God's laws, including the Fifth Commandment to honor their parents (Exodus 20:12).

Lovingly discipline your children when they fall short. We find many scriptural admonitions to do so (Proverbs 19:18; 23:13-14; 1 Timothy 3:1-5). For example, the Bible tells the sobering story of Eli the priest who didn't correct his sons for their bad behavior. Eli honored his sons above



Preparing your children for a
challenging yet rewarding life

God, which is sinful (1 Samuel 2:30; Matthew 10:37). In the end this led to both his and their demise (see 1 Samuel 2:12-36; 3:1-18).

Parents who overlook sin or neglect discipline can damage their child's character (Proverbs 22:15; Romans 6:23). For example, if you fail to teach self-control your child may suffer penalties from lack of self-control throughout later life.

Teach your children that every decision and action has consequences. Help them understand the debilitating results of sin. As situations arise where you see the penalties of sin in other people's lives point these out to your child, without revealing names, unless it is a circumstance he or she already knows about. Such examples may help your child see that sin leads to bad results.



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Create in your children the desire to obey God. For example, instead of just telling your son that he can't be involved in sports on the Sabbath, ask him if he loves God. If he answers that he does, remind him that God instructs us to observe the Sabbath as a day of worship and rest, and that it isn't for seeking our own pleasure (Isaiah 58:13).

Help him understand the lasting blessings of godly obedience compared to the temporary pleasure of playing sports on God's weekly Holy Day. And try and find him another activity that does not fall on the Sabbath, so he can learn to build a fulfilling life in line with God's law.

7. Guide through loving parental authority

While parents should always encourage their children to voluntarily obey God, there will be times when they may be

unwilling to do so. To use the above example again, if your son insists on participating in sports on the Sabbath, you might have to use parental authority to keep him from doing so. However, determining how such a situation should be handled will be different in each family.

For instance, if your spouse is not a practicing Christian you may not be able to establish family Sabbath rules. Also, you may have just begun Sabbath observance yourself and your child has already been participating in Saturday sports activities. In these situations you may want to seek counsel with a minister of Christ on how to best proceed.

8. Help your children discern for themselves

Your children will need help dealing with scientific theories like evolution. Widespread concepts like this can lead to the faulty conclusion that God is a myth. You should take the time to discuss the biblical account of creation with your children and answer any questions they may have to help them reach an understanding that God is very real.

It's important for you to know what they're being taught so you can help them by giving factual, scientific research and information revealing the many inconsistencies and falsehoods of evolutionary theory.

Ultimately your children will have to develop their own personal faith in God. Until they mature spiritually, make it a point to help them find and sort through scientific findings that clearly disprove defective concepts and ideas.

9. Trust God to help you with your children

Preparing your children to follow Christ is a challenging yet rewarding responsibility. You have the wonderful opportunity not only to explain but to demonstrate God's way of life. Remember that no parent can be successful without God's help. Ask Him regularly in prayer to guide and direct you. Each child is unique, and God will lead you in the way to best help him or her.

If, however, your child decides to lead a secular life after reaching adulthood, don't beat yourself up over it. Although you might have done everything possible as a parent, the fact is that you can't ultimately control what happens to your child. Many variables will influence his or her decisions throughout life, and many will be out of your control.

In this case it's important to realize that God fully knows what has occurred. Ask Him in prayer to continue guiding your child. Place the situation in His capable hands and wait patiently and faithfully as He works with your child in His good time. **GN**

Boundaries

Godly Wisdom or Modern Buzzword?

by Lena VanAusdle

Therapy language is everywhere these days. Words once used mainly by professionals have become part of everyday conversation. For example, people often call someone a “narcissist,” but in reality, narcissistic personality disorder is a clinical diagnosis that affects only 1 percent to 2 percent of the population ([pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC10187400/](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC10187400/)). So, a selfish boyfriend probably isn’t a narcissist.

In the same way, people sometimes use the word “trauma” to describe a normal but distressing experience. Missing a flight and having to rebook can be frustrating and upsetting, but it’s not truly a traumatic experience.

To be clear, trauma is real, and post-traumatic stress disorder is a serious condition. But it goes beyond the ordinary frustrations of daily life. Narcissistic personality disorder is real, but it’s more than just someone being selfish.

Another common buzzword people use a lot these days is “boundaries.”

Although the concept appeared earlier in psychoanalysis, boundary theory became much more common in the 1980s and 1990s. It was used to describe how people separate or blend work and family life (Christena E. Nippert-Eng, *Home and Work*, 1996), and to help define ethical boundaries in clinical practice (Thomas Gutheil and Glen Gabbard, “The Concept of Boundaries in Clinical Practice,” 1992). While the idea of “setting boundaries” is a modern term, certain principles behind it are also found in the Bible.

Boundaries are physical, emotional, relational and spiritual limits that define where your responsibilities, choices and authority end and someone else’s begin. Basically, they help you understand what you’re responsible for, what belongs to others, and what you’ll do if someone crosses the line.

In most healthy relationships, many of these limits happen naturally. You treat each other with love and respect, communicate openly and take responsibility for your own actions, so there’s nothing to worry about.

But sometimes, our relationships can get a little out of whack, and we might start to feel anxious or resentful. That’s when boundaries become so important. Setting clear, healthy boundaries can lower anxiety, prevent burnout, reduce resentment and help solve conflicts.

So what does this actually look like in real life? Consider these situations:

The Go-To Volunteer

“Mike,” like most Christians, wants to be of service to God and others. He happily says yes to every volunteer opportunity, but slowly, he becomes the only one stepping up. He cleans the church hall every week, even when others don’t show up. He steps in when others cancel at the last minute. Eventually, always saying yes leaves him exhausted and burned out, and he begins to dread every new request.

Mike decides to set a boundary.

He continues to volunteer, but takes on only what he can faithfully manage while making sure he has time for his family and other responsibilities. If someone doesn’t show up for their turn, Mike doesn’t automatically take it over. It may have to remain undone. He communicates the need to those responsible and allows them to decide what should happen.

Mike’s not trying to control anyone else. He is simply setting limits for himself so he can balance his responsibilities and care for his family. The Bible teaches us to balance caring for our families: “But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever” (1 Timothy 5:8,



English Standard Version).

Again, in 1 Timothy, “But if a widow has children or grandchildren, these should learn first of all to put their religion into practice by caring for their own family and so repaying their parents and grandparents, for this is pleasing to God” (1 Timothy 5:4, New International Version).

Constant Crisis

“Kelly” has a sister, “Sarah,” who seems to be in constant crisis. When Sarah’s relationship is struggling, she calls Kelly at 2 a.m. to cry and talk for hours. And when her job isn’t going well, she calls Kelly at 9 a.m., even while Kelly is trying to do her own job. Kelly offers advice that Sarah never takes, and still wants to rehearse every difficulty in her life each time she calls.

Kelly feels anxious whenever the phone rings. She wants to support Sarah, but the constant negativity and sense of responsibility for Sarah’s life are weighing on her more and more.

So Kelly decides to set a few reasonable boundaries. She’s happy to take Sarah’s calls, but unless it’s an actual emergency, she will only answer after work hours and before 9 p.m. She’ll listen to Sarah’s concerns, but she lets her know she only has a set amount of time for her call.

Kelly is still there to support her sister, but she recognizes that she cannot make Sarah’s decisions or fix her problems. Kelly needs to manage her own health, work and responsibilities.

Galatians 6 gives us both sides of this responsibility. Verse 2 tells us, “Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” Yet verse 5 also says, “For each one should carry their own load” (NIV). As Christians, we should help carry the heavy burdens of others, but ultimately, we’re each responsible for our own lives.

When we set a boundary, it’s important to be clear and concise.

First, we identify the problem—not by focusing on the other person’s actions, but on how their behavior affects us. In Kelly’s case, the problem is that she’s distracted at work, not sleeping enough and feeling anxious because she can’t fix Sarah’s problems.

Second, we need to clearly explain what we will do if a boundary is crossed. In Kelly’s situation, she tells Sarah: “I care about you and want to be there for you, but I can’t take your calls at 2 a.m. unless it’s a true emergency. If you call at that time for something that can wait, I’ll end the call and put my phone on silent and talk with you sometime the next day.”

Third, we need to follow through and be consistent with our boundaries. Kelly will have to hang up if her sister calls when it isn’t an emergency, and she should not answer the phone during work hours. A boundary that is repeatedly stated but not maintained will not be effective.

Just as important as understanding what a boundary is, we also need to understand what a boundary isn’t. Cutting someone completely out of your life because you disagree with them, trying to control or punish others, avoiding conflict, refusing accountability or expecting everyone to accommodate your preferences are not healthy boundaries.

Sadly, “setting boundaries,” instead of being a helpful tool used in a godly way, has become a buzzword, often used to punish people for not doing what we want. It can be weaponized to cut people out of our lives rather than help us build and maintain healthy relationships.

God tells us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves (Matthew 22:37-39). When we set boundaries according to godly principles and with the other person’s best interest in mind, we can show genuine love—sometimes with a loving “no” and other times by giving a sacrificial “yes.” [UN](#)



Stories of Faith

Nancy Egbert



An example of faith from an older member in the
Charlotte, North Carolina congregation.

by Ailsa Braun

The oldest member in her congregation, Nancy Egbert, who recently turned 96, is an outstanding example of Christian love, dedication, endurance and wisdom.

“Miss Nancy,” as she is affectionately called by her congregation, is a widow, deaconess and former elder’s wife. She has nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Nancy has a wealth of experiences to share from travel and her many decades in the Church.

The first and only child of a Lieutenant in the United States Air Force, she was born on Aug. 23, 1930, in a military hospital at Fort Totten, New York. Her mother was the daughter of a West Point graduate, and most of her immediate relatives were active in the Service or married into it. So that was practically the only life she knew in her early days!

Being a military child, she got to travel to places her father was stationed. Her favorite place to live was the Pacific side of Panama, in the Canal Zone, which was United States territory until 1979. She fondly remembers looking out of her window overlooking the forest which she was not allowed to enter.

Nancy met her husband, John Egbert, while at George Washington University in DC, where she was studying psychology and art. They were married soon afterward, on May 24, 1952, and had four children: Lynn (now deceased), Karen (who sadly died at only three months), Jeb and Carolyn. The family moved first to Maryland, where John finished his engineering degree, and then to California, when he accepted a job as an engineer with Hughes Aircraft in Culver City.

As a young woman, at college and beyond, Nancy loved being involved with people and making a difference wherever she could. She was very active in sororities, women’s war-time efforts and political organizations. And it was indirectly through one of these organizations that God called her to His truth! Nancy had already grown disillusioned with politics and religion, and was looking for something “non-traditional,” as she puts it. So, when a friend and former club member introduced her to the Worldwide Church of God, she knew this was meant to be! She was baptized in the swimming pool on the Pasadena campus on March 24, 1963.

But she found life very difficult for about two years, for her husband did not share her new-found beliefs. She took



the children to their first Feast of Tabernacles in Squaw Valley without him, and didn't know how things would turn out when they returned. But John was waiting for her with flowers when she got back! After a while, and several miraculous healings, John started pursuing the truth, and attending church with her. To Nancy's joy, he was baptized Aug. 22, 1965. Four years later, on Nov. 22, 1969, John and Nancy were ordained deacon and deaconess together.

John's engineering experience helped him to get a job with the Church's printing press, and this work often took him and Nancy to many of the Church's regional offices in Europe. Nancy loved traveling and meeting God's people in these areas.

Eventually, they moved back to the Eastern United States, where Nancy completed her degree in psychology, and went back to work. John was ordained a local elder on Oct. 7, 1978, and Nancy served alongside her husband in many roles, with a focus on the sick or needy brethren.

John died in April 2003, but Nancy has been very active all those years since. Her last job was at Halifax in the Harrisburg, Pennsylvania area until she was almost 80 and the company closed; then she moved down to Charlotte in 2010 to be closer to her daughter Carolyn. Although officially retired, she continued to serve the Church faithfully in many ways.



Remembering what it was like to attend church for two years without the support of her husband at first, her desire has always been to look out for newcomers and those with physical and other needs. Well into her nineties, she was still driving and giving weekly rides to Sabbath services to those who needed it! At 96, she still attends Sabbath services most weeks, welcomes visitors to church, talks to the young people and remembers their names, gives valuable advice, encourages the speakers and others who are busily serving, prays for brethren and calls them on the phone frequently.

Nancy's favorite Bible passage is the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). As she says, she and John "shared the same awe of Christ giving that sermon." And she has certainly lived up to those words of Jesus throughout her decades in God's Church. She is an inspiring example, and a delight to all those who know her. And she is treasured by her physical family and her church family! [UN](#)

Feast of Tabernacles

2026 REPORTS

Argentina

Misiones



In northern Argentina, 43 people kept the Feast.

This year, we faced a serious challenge just before the Feast. A tornado-like storm struck the area around our Feast site in General Roca, Argentina. Although the surrounding area suffered extensive damage, our Feast site was spared serious damage. We were able to carry out all our planned activities without a hitch. Thanks be to God!

Mario Ritter

Australia

Albury, New South Wales

The Feast of Tabernacles in Albury was a wonderful time of spiritual nourishment, joyful fellowship and renewed hope in God's coming Kingdom. Leav-

ing the chaos of the world behind, we gathered with like-minded brethren to focus on the peaceful, righteous world Christ will establish—and our preparation to serve alongside Him.

Daily services provided a rich smorgasbord of spiritual food. We appreciated the speakers' preparation and the powerful messages that gave us much to consider and carry home. Services were well attended each day, with very little illness affecting the site—a blessing for which we were deeply thankful. We experienced the joy expressed in Psalm 133:1.

Talented members ranging in age from 6 to their 80s provided special music. It was wonderful to see so many willing to serve through music, coordinating activities and helping one another in countless ways.

One especially delightful highlight was the children's Bible story time. Originally planned as a single event early in the Feast, it proved so popular

that three sessions were held! Together, we explored the fruit of the Spirit. The children learned how these qualities prepare us for God's Kingdom and our future roles as Christ's helpers.

A particularly precious moment came when Harper and Bella read from Isaiah 11 before the children sang "It Won't Be Long Now." Their young voices reminded us of the beautiful world we are anticipating.

Beyond services, an open house at the Edges' home, a tour of the historic Bonegilla Migrant Hostel, a seniors' luncheon, barefoot lawn bowling, picnics and other activities provided opportunities to strengthen friendships, share stories and enjoy one another's company.

Throughout the Feast, we felt the warmth of God's family and the comfort of knowing that we belong together. As we worshiped, learned and shared our lives, we were reminded that Christ is knitting us together as His future bride.

We returned home refreshed and encouraged, carrying more than happy memories. Albury gave us a precious foretaste of life together in God's family—and renewed our longing for the time when "God will wipe away every tear from their eyes" (Revelation 21:4). What a blessing to rejoice together now as we look forward to living in His righteous world for eternity!

Tony Edge



Rockingham, Western Australia



The Feast in Western Australia was a joyous occasion, held at a familiar location with a relaxed atmosphere.

Services were held from the opening night through the Eighth Day. The messages were Kingdom-focused and encouraged us to keep moving forward with hope for the exciting future awaiting mankind.

Another highlight was the special music. Each day, talented members contributed to the atmosphere of the Feast through solo and duet performances and three choirs. After services on the first day, a wonderful spread of food and drink was provided for the meet-and-greet activity.

We held an interactive study for teens and young adults on the morning of the first day, followed by 3-D mini golf on the second day and a Youth Day service mid-Feast. The children created a colorful display illustrating different biblical aspects of the Feast around the theme of rejoicing. They added to the display each day for everyone to enjoy.

Other activities included an interactive games night, a ladies' high tea, lunch in the park and a hymn sing-along at the end of the seventh day.

Throughout the Feast, there was lots of laughter, good conversation and friendly fellowship. By the end, bonds had formed and everyone felt like family. Kevin and Debbie Call from Ohio journeyed 11,000 miles to be with us,

which was much appreciated. Most of all, we were grateful that God has called us to know the promise of His Kingdom and the peace it gives us while we await its establishment.

Matt Sieff

Sunshine Coast, Queensland

We welcomed 447 people from seven nations to our 20th year at Venue 114 on the Sunshine Coast. This year, we had many visitors from the United States, with 17 states represented.

Spiritual food was abundant throughout the Feast, with speakers from around the world helping sharpen our vision of the soon-coming Kingdom of God.

All church-sponsored activities were well attended, including a family day and a dance/social evening. Both activities strengthened old friendships and helped forge new ones.

Teens and preteens enjoyed an afternoon at a waterpark obstacle course, while the young adults started with a meet-and-greet on the first Holy Day and enjoyed an afternoon at the beach the following day. Well over 100 young adults attended in Queensland this year, with many involved in serving throughout the Feast. Nearly 160 attended the over-55 lunch, which is an annual highlight for many.

We're already looking forward to welcoming more visitors and our faithful local members to the Sunshine Coast in 2027.

Joe Rivers



Benin

Grand-Popo

This year's Feast of Tabernacles took place in Grand-Popo, a coastal town in Benin near the Atlantic Ocean. The gathering brought together 48 people, including children, from Benin and Togo.

The Feast was a special occasion for fellowship, unity and spiritual growth. It allowed us to come together to study God's Word and encourage one another



in our Christian walk.

Several speakers delivered messages that helped us reflect on God's plan, our relationship with Him and our responsibilities as Christians. The messages emphasized the importance of seeking God, obeying Him and preparing for His Kingdom.

Bible studies covered practical topics, including proper Sabbath observance and faithfulness in tithing. These studies encouraged us to trust God, faithfully manage the resources He entrusts to us and put His Word into practice.

In addition to services and Bible studies, fellowship activities provided opportunities to spend time together. A recreational evening featured skits, songs and games. Sharing meals, spiritual instruction and activities helped strengthen the bonds between brethren from both countries.

The Feast reminded us of the importance of maintaining true fellowship despite the distances and differences in

our personal circumstances.

We sincerely thank everyone who contributed their time, energy, resources and skills to make this gathering possible. This Feast of Tabernacles was an opportunity to draw closer to God, strengthen our fellowship and reflect on His plan for humanity.

Pierre Ogoudele

Brazil



Porto Seguro

The Feast in Porto Seguro, Bahia, provided participants with an experience of great spiritual value and warm fellowship. The Portal Beach Hotel served as both accommodation and gathering place, offering an environment conducive to strengthening relationships among brethren and families.

The Holy Days were marked by worship services, opportunities for reflection and a deeper appreciation of the meaning of the Feast and the hope of the Kingdom of God. Various activities also helped strengthen friendships among the brethren.

One highlight was family night, which featured cheeses, wines and a variety of regional and international appetizers. The gathering provided opportunities for conversation, games and fellowship. Recreational activities included beach volleyball and peteca (a traditional Brazilian shuttlecock game),

bringing together brethren of different ages.

Another memorable occasion was an excursion to Trancoso Beach, which provided an opportunity for fellowship and relaxation. Fellowship lunches throughout the Feast allowed participants to share meals, experiences and meaningful conversations.

The program also included a children's party, bringing joy to the younger attendees. Special music further enriched the Feast, creating meaningful moments of worship and gratitude.

Overall, the Feast in Porto Seguro was characterized by joy, brotherly love and spiritual growth. The experiences shared strengthened relationships and created lasting memories for families.

We thank God for the opportunity to participate in this wonderful celebration and look forward to carrying the lessons, hope and spirit of unity experienced into the remainder of the year.

Maria de Araújo

Burundi

Buganda, Karusi and Musenyi



We were blessed to share a wonderful Feast of Tabernacles and Eighth Day at three sites in Burundi. We appreciate the assistance we received in making these Feast sites possible. Most of all, we are grateful to God for His many blessings as we grew closer to Him and one

another through inspiring messages and warm fellowship.

Remy Nsengiyumva

Canada

Calgary, Alberta



More than 250 brethren from Canada, the United States and the Bahamas gathered in Calgary for the Feast of Tabernacles and Eighth Day. We had strong representation from every age group—including four newlywed couples—which made this year's Feast especially joyful.

God-inspired messages encouraged His children to stay the course, remember our purpose as firstfruits and look forward to a time when all people will have the opportunity to know God.

Outstanding daily special music showcased talented singers and musicians through solos, duets, quartets, instrumental performances, three choir pieces and a diverse ensemble. The children's choir was especially uplifting.

Group activities encouraged fellowship throughout the Feast, including an opening-night welcome reception; a Calgary Zoo outing for about 150; a buffet and family dance; shopping in Banff and a Sulphur Mountain gondola ride for more than 100; dinner and live jazz at Alvin's for about 120, including a newlywed dance; and a family day at Granary Road with a barbecue picnic and mini golf.

Teens and young adults enjoyed meet-and-greets, Bible studies, a teen

night at Activate and a cart ride down Olympic Hill. Children attended two lessons and three pre-service craft and activity sessions. They also received glow sticks and donated stuffed animals, choosing their favorites to take home on family day—with enough for some of the young at heart as well.

About 90 attended a seniors' luncheon featuring songs, skits and three gift-basket giveaways.

The Feast overflowed with fellowship, spiritual and physical nourishment and joyful praise to God. It was a wonderful time of bonding as a spiritual family.

Michael Erickson

Midland, Ontario



Midland is known for its fabulous fall colors. This year, Feastgoers were able to see the scenery change day by day. Most attendees at this Feast site were seniors from surrounding areas. The hotel was especially convenient for them, providing places to gather and enjoy one another's company without having to travel. At times, they ordered food and shared meals, played games or simply enjoyed fellowship.

We received inspiring messages, informative Bible studies and a seminar. The welcome video and sermon from Mr. Elliott were also well received. Our highest attendance was on Sunday, with 174 present.

Activity highlights included a se-

niors' brunch, family day at the local zoo and a well-attended variety show. Most attendees also gathered for a final catered meal between services.

For years, a lady from the Ottawa congregation has created special greeting cards for members unable to attend the Feast. This year was no exception. The cards were signed and mailed to those members. Our group also donated a generous amount of food and funds to a local food bank operated by the Salvation Army to help the community in the coming months.

The Midland festival choir sang three beautiful songs—a wonderful treat for many who do not usually have special music in their congregations. The children's choir also performed one day.

The information table was nicely decorated and displayed our booklets and other materials. Many booklets were taken, perhaps because the site attracted several people who do not usually attend with United. The table also featured giveaways, including origami flowers made by a young person, crocheted dishcloths made by a senior, apples and chocolates.

We appreciated our visitors from the United States and other provinces and hope many will return.

Anthony Wasilkoff

St. John's, Newfoundland

True to the official motto of Newfoundland and Labrador, "Quaerite primum regnum Dei" (Latin for "Seek ye first the kingdom of God"), 47 brethren came together in Conception Bay South (near St. John's) to focus on the future return and reign of Jesus Christ.

Though scattered across remote areas of the island, our 15 local UCG members warmly welcomed visitors. By the end of our eight days together, we had formed a special bond. Festival coordinator Lloyd Teetaert commented that a highlight for him was how well our



small group came together as a family.

We enjoyed wonderful special music each day, a group barbecue, a bus tour and a traditional Newfoundland Jiggs dinner featuring salt beef, cabbage, potatoes, turnips and carrots harvested that afternoon from member Merv Tilly's garden.

St. John's is a delightful location, especially for those wishing to observe the Feast in a peaceful, relaxed environment while forming meaningful new friendships with those who have "come from away."

Terri Eddington

Chile

Licán Ray



In 2026, the Feast of Tabernacles and the Last Great Day were held in Licán Ray, a town in southern Chile. We gathered at the El Conquistador Hotel, which provided comfortable cabins that served as our temporary homes. The site featured green spaces, a meeting

hall for services and additional rooms for various activities.

Peak attendance was 120, with brethren arriving from Chile, Argentina, Australia and Guatemala. Licán Ray offered a variety of attractions that brethren enjoyed, most notably a visit to the Coñaripe Hot Springs, where they relaxed in naturally heated thermal waters.

On Monday, a special event for the women featured a delicious meal, time for fun and reflection, engaging conversation and a gift exchange. On Tuesday afternoon, the children and their parents participated in games and competitions at the children's party.

On Wednesday at 5 p.m., we celebrated the wedding of Rodolfo Higueros and Stefany Vidal, both from Guatemala City, Guatemala. They chose this location for their wedding, which was followed by dinner and dancing.

On Thursday, Jannsey Cordero, a member of the Santiago congregation, was baptized. We rejoiced in her decision and welcomed her into the Body of Christ. That evening, the youth enjoyed games, a meal and opportunities to strengthen their bonds of fellowship.

Services were held daily throughout the Feast, with two services on the Last Great Day. That morning, a blessing of the children took place, along with a performance by the children's choir. On Friday evening, in anticipation of the Last Great Day, Marcelo Saavedra, pastor for the Southern Cone region, presented a Bible study on the New Jerusalem.

We thank everyone who contributed to making the Feast possible through their service.

The spiritual nourishment we received strengthened us as we continue preparing for the wonderful promise of serving as kings and priests in the Kingdom of God. We also look forward to the time when all humanity will have the opportunity to know the true God (Zechariah 14:16).

Marcelo Saavedra

Colombia

Chinácota

Once again, we had the opportunity to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles and the Eighth Day in the tourist town of Chinácota, Colombia. This year, however, we were at a new Feast site: Hotel Veracruz.

The highest attendance during the Feast was 59 people. This included six children and two visitors from the United States.

The new facilities offered remarkably spacious areas for our activities—most notably a new event hall reserved exclusively for our daily services—along with other meeting rooms where we held various social activities.



The hotel also features an observation deck at its highest point, offering an impressive panoramic view of the surrounding area. Additionally, there are several recreational attractions—such as a zip line and a Tibetan-style suspension bridge—which many of us were able to enjoy. There is also a small farm with animals and poultry, which provides fresh produce for the hotel guests.

In short, we enjoyed eight memorable days in a very pleasant atmosphere, complete with background music, abundant food, and, most importantly, the tranquility needed to hold our daily services—the core of the Feast. Through inspiring messages, we had ample time to reflect on our calling to be lights in

this dark and confusing world.

Two activities deserve special mention, one of which was the “morning coffee social”—an informal gathering held before breakfast, which included snacks, a tradition that has been maintained in Colombia over the years. It is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen the bonds of fellowship, sharing hugs and plenty of laughter—despite our diverse cultural backgrounds and ages. Furthermore, this year's Bible-themed games were especially dynamic and fun, featuring engaging questions that everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

Once again, we left a positive impression on the hotel staff. They were incredibly attentive, ensuring our stay was truly a memorable experience.

As happens every year, the festivities flew by; yet, we remain mindful of the primary purpose for which God invites us together each year: to live with the goal of establishing His glorious Kingdom on earth. In the meantime, we in the Colombian group look forward to gathering, God willing, once again in 2027. Everyone who wishes to celebrate with us is welcome!

Jaime Salek

Côte d'Ivoire

Blolé

This year, the Feast of Tabernacles in Côte d'Ivoire was held in the village of Blolé in the northwestern part of the country. Attendance was 86, with services held daily throughout the eight days.

On the evening of the first day of the Feast, we held a special service and invited members of the community to join us for a discussion of the biblical instruction to repent.

On Friday, Oct. 2, we held another evening meeting to discuss how to advance the preaching of the gospel in the

country and how to faithfully observe God's instructions regarding first and second tithe.

The Feast took place without incident, and we thank God for protecting everyone as they returned home.

We would also like to thank our brothers and sisters around the world who remembered us and provided financial support. We pray that God will bless them and repay their generosity a hundredfold.

Albert Oulai

France

La Gaillarde Beach

This year, 229 of God's people gathered to celebrate His Feast of Tabernacles on the beautiful French Riviera. We came from four continents and three islands: mainland France, French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Switzerland, Germany, the Netherlands, England, Northern Ireland, the United States and Australia. Among us were 38 native French speakers—the most at the Feast in France in 15 years! Daily services generally alternated between French and English, with live translation provided by wireless transmission.

The spiritual food was deeply nourishing. Messages fit together beautifully, exploring what God has revealed about Jesus Christ's coming reign on earth, His Kingdom beyond that time and the character of that Kingdom that

we must reflect now as its ambassadors. We also held four Bible studies, including studies for teens and young adults.

This was our fifth year at Club Miléade, a hillside resort overlooking La Gaillarde Beach. A beloved feature of the Feast in France is that everyone lodges and dines onsite. After services, fellowship continued naturally as we walked to the adjacent restaurant, with the option of dining on a patio overlooking the Mediterranean. Shared meals drew us together, sparking impromptu conversations while in line to select assorted cheeses, gelato and other dishes. God willing, we plan to be back at this location next year so that Feastgoers can again enjoy this unique experience in 2027!

Special music enriched every day, and a delightful talent show featured music, dance, comedy and children's participation. Around 125 brethren joined each of three excursions, which included Port Grimaud's Venice-inspired canals; Sainte-Maxime and Cannes; Île Sainte-Marguerite, known for the prison that once held the mysterious "man in the iron mask," and the beautiful 16th-century hilltop village of Saint-Paul-de-Vence, long associated with prominent artists.

The end of the Eighth Day brought a certain sadness that accompanies goodbyes, but we parted praising God and encouraging one another as we look forward to the glorious future He has prepared for His united family.

Clint Porter

came to observe Laubhüttenfest (the Feast of Tabernacles) together.

Services each day were held in German with English translation or sometimes with an English speaker, for whom German translation was provided. Communicating with brethren was easy for an English-speaker, even if one wasn't familiar with the language, as



most of the German brethren are fluent in English, and if not, they could easily find someone in the room to translate.

Beautiful Lake Titisee sat at the heart of the town with a walking trail and boat rides available for those who wanted to explore. The town itself offered guest housing, shops, cafes and restaurants within easy walking distance from the Kurhaus (assembly building) where services were held. The Church made special arrangements with the attached restaurant to have a special menu prepared with clean food options. Some brethren rented cars or took buses and trains to nearby attractions such as the Feldberg—the highest mountain in the Schwarzwald (Black Forest)—and Hohenzollern castle (where the royalty of Baden-Württemberg once lived).

Official Feast activities included two Bible studies, meetings for both the women and the men held concurrently, a dance and game night, and a family activity at the park. It was the first year the family activity was held at this park, and it turned out to be a wonderful success, with opportunities to share traditional German food, meaningful fellowship,



Germany

Titisee

Rejoicing before God was a delight for the 165 brethren celebrating in Titisee, Germany. Guests from the United States, Netherlands, Australia, Spain, Kenya and many other varied locations,

volleyball and other games. A special treat during this year's Feast was a Bible play, starring five of the local children and two parents, titled "die Schöpfung" ("the Creation").

A bus trip to Mainau Island gave brethren a glimpse of the natural beauty we look forward to in the Kingdom. The island hosts beautiful flowers, including a wide selection of specially cultivated dahlias, a butterfly house and a castle, Schloss Mainau.

The German people are very welcoming and happy to get to know their brethren from around the world! If you're looking for a Feast site rich with wonderful fellowship, delicious food, rich history and ample opportunities to picture the coming Kingdom of God, please consider visiting next year!

Heidi Braun

Ghana

Cape Coast

The Cape Coast congregation demonstrated God's love as they hosted brethren from 10 other congregations for the Feast of Tabernacles. It was a great blessing for some 300 brethren to gather in Ghana's Central Region, along the coast of the Gulf of Guinea. The brethren were excited to see familiar faces and get acquainted with new ones.

Message themes throughout the Feast included rejoicing before God and praising Him, overcoming sin and



the eventual destruction of death and evil. Festival greetings from brethren around the world added to the joy of the occasion. Brethren also enjoyed uplifting special music between messages.

Activities, including indoor and outdoor games and seminars on marriage and family, were organized after services to provide additional opportunities for fellowship and spiritual enrichment.

We held another Ghana UCG hymn-singing competition this year. After performances by the participating groups, the Accra congregation's choir was once again judged the winner.

The Eighth Day concluded with a message about God making all things new. Brethren departed for their homes, mindful of our responsibility to remain steadfast and prepare for the return of Jesus Christ and the establishment of God's Kingdom.

Henry Aikins

Grenada

God's Feast of Tabernacles in the Southern Caribbean was held at the Royalton Resort on the beautiful island of Grenada. Brethren enjoyed an island paradise for eight days. The resort offered a millennial-style setting with tropical plants and flowers, a bird sanctuary, an ocean backdrop and surrounding mountains.

This Feast was also a gathering of families who traveled together to observe God's Feast. One family had 14 members, while several others numbered in the double digits. Activities included a catamaran tour, a bus tour, a golf outing, scuba diving and a midweek Bible study. Family day was a hit with the children, as was a beach volleyball tournament. Sharing meals each day provided additional opportunities for fellowship.

Messages provided abundant spiritual nourishment to complement the physical food we enjoyed each day. We



were especially blessed to have 88-year-old Aletha English, a member from the northern part of the island, join us for the first time in decades. We also celebrated a baptism and the blessing of a child during the Feast.

On opening night, we began the Feast beside the ocean with a hymn and a toast to our hosts. We gathered in the same way at sunset as the Eighth Day began. It was truly a Feast to remember!

Chuck Smith

Guatemala

Panajachel



We gathered for the Feast in Panajachel, thankful to God the Father and Jesus Christ for the blessings of fellowship and spiritual growth.

The theme was "The Future Kingdom of God," and the program featured 11 short sermons, 10 sermons, 22 special music presentations and three Bible studies tailored for children, youth and adults.

Each message and presentation helped enrich our understanding of Scripture, strengthen our faith and renew our hope in God's promises.

In addition to the spiritual activities, various events helped strengthen bonds among brethren and their families. Highlights included a welcome dinner, a ladies' fellowship event, family day, an outing to Lake Atitlán, a breakfast honoring senior members and soccer matches. These activities provided opportunities to deepen friendships and enjoy Christian fellowship.

As we concluded the Feast of Tabernacles, we were thankful to God the Father for calling us to understand His wonderful plan for humanity. His Holy Days remind us of the purpose He is fulfilling and strengthen our hope for the establishment of His Kingdom.

We returned home with renewed zeal to put into practice what we had learned and to continue growing and walking in faith.

José Israel Robledo Serrano

Hungary

Hévíz

For the first time, 100 brethren from across Europe, North America and Australia gathered in Hungary's beautiful Balaton region to observe the Feast of Tabernacles. Attendees came from Norway, Finland, the Netherlands, Hungary, Canada, Australia and the United States, while others joined online from Sweden, Latvia, Slovakia and Bulgaria.

The Lotus Therme Spa Hotel provided an excellent setting for fellowship, with comfortable gathering areas, heated pools and shared meals.

Inspiring messages and special music focused on our future roles in God's Kingdom and how we can prepare for them today.

Following the first Holy Day, a meet-

and-greet activity featured a video presentation on God's work in the Baltics, Eastern Europe and Scandinavia (B.E.E.S.), a group activity and an evening of games and fellowship.

Other activities included a young adults' outing to Lake Hévíz, beach volleyball near Lake Balaton, a sightseeing trip to Vienna and tours of historic Hungarian castles and Festetics Palace.

Daily services, shared meals and activities provided many opportunities to strengthen friendships. We also enjoyed a young adult Bible study, a group Bible study and an Anticipation Circle welcoming the Eighth Day, during which we discussed those we hope to see in the second resurrection.



Post-Feast survey responses were very positive. The hotel expressed interest in hosting us again next year, describing our group as among the most organized, well-behaved and kindest they had served.

We thank God for the opportunity to gather in Hungary, rejoice together and grow in our understanding of His coming Kingdom.

James Ginn

India

New Delhi

At the beautiful Taj City Centre in Gurgaon, India, 29 Indian brethren and four international visitors gathered to



observe God's Feast of Tabernacles. It was a joyful time of spiritual instruction, warm fellowship and rejoicing before God.

We were blessed with inspiring messages, with English-to-Hindi translation provided by George Samuel and Sarat Chandra. We also enjoyed messages from Gary Petty and Steve Myers dubbed into Hindi. This technology allowed our Hindi-speaking brethren to hear entire messages in their own language!

The Indian tradition of staying at the same hotel and sharing meals brought our Church family closer together. Daily fellowship around the dining tables and traditional tea times provided opportunities to renew friendships and build new ones. For brethren scattered across India, this extended time together is especially precious.

Afternoons brought laughter and enjoyment at the swimming pool, where several teens learned to swim for the first time. Children and teens also practiced naming the books of the Old Testament, and six teens successfully learned the books of both the Old and New Testaments! The youth Bible study introduced UCG festival booklets and lessons on being disciples of Jesus Christ and following His command, "Follow Me." The children and teens also performed the Jelly Song, "Follow Me," as special music.

Evening activities included a game night, bingo and a variety show in which nearly everyone participated. Brethren

shared their talents through singing, poetry readings and dancing. A group excursion to Delhi's Qutub Minar provided an opportunity to appreciate its remarkable architecture and engineering.

We warmly invite brethren to join us in India for the Feast in 2027. Those who come can encourage and serve their Indian brothers and sisters in Christ while experiencing the joy of fellowship across cultures. There is a particular need for elders and speakers to provide daily messages. We hope you will consider joining us for a memorable Feast!

David Schreiber

Italy

Sabaudia



In Sabaudia, Italy, 211 brethren from around the world kept the Feast of Tabernacles in a wonderful spirit of unity.

The day before the Feast began, Rebecca Ferro and Diego Guinez celebrated their wedding. We were also honored to welcome Council of Elders members Aaron Dean and Rex Sexton, along with their families and nine other visiting ministers.

During the Feast, Giovanni Troisi and Giovanni Faraone were ordained as elders. Both will serve alongside Pastor Enzo Alfieri. Giovanni Faraone will assist the Milan congregation, while Giovanni Troisi will work with the home office to help establish congregations in

Central and Southern Italy.

Services and meals were held at two neighboring hotels, Kufra Lake and Kufra Sea. Although guests ate breakfast separately, everyone gathered for lunches, dinners and activities, providing many opportunities for fellowship.

Activities included excursions to Pompeii and Rome, beach outings, family day, an evening dance and a talent show featuring about 30 performers. A Bible study and a women's meeting provided additional spiritual instruction. Simultaneous translation in Italian, English and Spanish helped bring our international group together.

Special music enriched every service. An instrumental ensemble conducted by Jacob Sutherland featured several instruments, and both the adult and children's choirs, each with 13 members, gave memorable performances. Jacob also concluded the Feast with a special song in Italian.

We thank God for a joyful and spiritually uplifting Feast filled with meaningful fellowship, inspiring messages and opportunities to serve. Many participants described it as their "best Feast ever," and preparations are already underway for next year!

Giovanni Troisi

Jamaica

Montego Bay

The 2026 Feast of Tabernacles in Montego Bay, Jamaica, was a joyful and memorable experience! With a peak attendance of 341, we gathered as one spiritual family to worship God, strengthen relationships and celebrate the promise of His soon-coming Kingdom.

Our festival site was the Iberostar resort, located along the Caribbean Sea. It provided a peaceful setting for eight days of spiritual renewal and

meaningful fellowship.

Our festival theme, "From Temporary to Eternal," reminded us that while our time together at the Feast is temporary, the future God has prepared for His family is eternal. Inspiring messages focused on the coming Kingdom of God, while special music and two praise and worship sessions added to the joy of the Feast.



One highlight was the generosity demonstrated through our Families Helping Families program. Brethren donated money and needed goods to assist those in need. The enthusiastic response was a meaningful demonstration of Christian love in action.

The warmth and hospitality of our local Jamaican brethren also made this Feast memorable. Their kindness and welcoming spirit helped strengthen friendships through shared meals, activities and conversations between services. We were reminded this year that God's family knows no geographical boundaries.

As we departed Jamaica, we returned home spiritually refreshed, with strengthened friendships, grateful hearts and a renewed longing for God's Kingdom.

Although our eight days together were temporary, the love, unity and hope we experienced offered a glimpse of the eternal family God is preparing. Truly, we are moving "From Temporary to Eternal!"

Dan Hines

Kenya

Migori



The Feast of Tabernacles welcomed 42 attendees in Migori, Kenya. The messages and fellowship were very uplifting. Since the brethren rarely see each other outside of the Feast, it was wonderful for them to spend time together.

The good weather also allowed us to enjoy many group activities.

Kriphas Ongori

Nakuru



Warmest festival greetings from Nakuru, Kenya! We had 80 brethren in attendance this year, who came to enjoy the foretaste of the World Tomorrow. The setting was the beautiful hotel near Nakuru National Park.

Brethren rejoiced in gladness as they were fed with spiritual food as well as very delicious meals. A highlight of the Feast was a baptism that took place during this special week.

Simon Nganga

Ogembo

The Feast of Tabernacles and the Eighth Day were celebrated by 76 brethren at the Church-owned facility in Ogembo. From the first day, it was clear that God had placed His name here this year.

Each day, we received encouraging messages that focused our attention on our future roles in the coming Kingdom of God. We learned more about how we will work with the coming King of kings and Lord of lords, Jesus Christ, to help restore humanity. We were also reminded of the wonderful changes that will occur during this glorious time.



We were blessed with several special music performances that added to our joyful praise of God during the Feast. Bible studies complemented the regular services with additional instruction.

We look forward to the day when the Kingdom of God becomes a reality for all mankind.

Mark Nyakwara

including 14 children. Accommodations were cramped, but everyone was grateful. As we did last year, all participants slept on the floor of our meeting room, with three toilets and two showers available. We were thankful for the three meals a day prepared by the staff of Fitahiana Lodge.



Bible studies strengthened our members' zeal and provided spiritual encouragement.

We organized activities for the children and youth and visited two nearby attractions, the Geysers and Lily Falls.

We sincerely thank the brothers and sisters who contributed and shared their second tithe with us, making this celebration possible. May God bless you.

Please continue to pray for us as we are still a young congregation.

Hajazoarinjaka

Andriamanalimaromanana

Malawi

Blantyre



Madagascar

Ampéfy

We give glory to God for a peaceful and successful Feast celebration this year. We met in Ampéfy, near a beautiful lake in the central part of Madagascar, about a three-hour drive from the capital, Antananarivo. This was the same location we used last year.

We had 63 people in attendance,

This year, 134 people enjoyed the Feast of Tabernacles and the Eighth Day at the foot of majestic Mount Mulanje, surrounded by beautiful tea plantations.

The first four days were mostly warm, but the remaining days were rainy and cold. Members who had been sleeping in tents were moved to warmer, sheltered areas of the lodge. The sudden change in weather did not dampen the positive attitudes of Feastgoers but instead strengthened their determination to rejoice before God.

Sermon and sermonette speakers helped us envision the abundant life to come in the wonderful world tomorrow, when Christ will reign on earth for 1,000 years. We shared breakfast, lunch and dinner together as one big family. Inspiring messages and beautiful special music provided uplifting spiritual nourishment.

Family day provided enjoyable opportunities for fellowship, and the variety show was a joy to watch. Preteens stole the show as they demonstrated their ability to memorize and recite Bible passages. A special highlight was the baptism of two members, Anna Chiumbuzo and Bennett Ntambalika, into the Body of Christ.

The celebration concluded with a Feast dance on Saturday night. We are grateful to the home office for the financial assistance that helped make this successful Feast possible.

Gracious Mpilangwe

Nkhwazi

At the Nkhwazi Feast site, 64 attendees gathered to observe God's Feast of Tabernacles. The opening service, held on the first day of the Feast, which was also a weekly Sabbath, was attended by 61 brethren. Attendance rose to 64 during the following days. Because of a power outage on opening night, we watched the president's

welcome video on the second day. We were happy to hear from brethren around the world who also observe God's Feast.

Services began at 10:30 a.m. each day, except on the Holy Days, when we held morning and afternoon services. Messages focused particularly on the Millennium and the coming Kingdom of God.

Fellowship was an important part of the Feast. Each afternoon, brethren gathered under trees and temporary shelters around the site. We shared meals together, and family day included sporting activities and evening fellowship, with groups enjoying braai (barbecue) and refreshments.

Early on the sixth day, heavy rain disrupted our sleep in the temporary shelters. Although we initially worried that the rain might disrupt our stay, we found humor in the situation and worked together to dry our belongings in the sun.



A special highlight came on the afternoon of the seventh day, when two men were baptized and received the laying on of hands by the two elders present. Eight children were also blessed during the Feast.

Peace and love prevailed throughout our time together, and some brethren described it as their "best Feast ever!" As we await the next Feast of Tabernacles, we pray, "Your kingdom come" (Matthew 6:10).

Cephas Jumpha Chapamba

Mexico

Huatulco Bays



For the first time, the Feast of Tabernacles was held in Huatulco, Oaxaca, Mexico, where brethren enjoyed beautiful surroundings and warm fellowship.

A peak attendance of 109 brethren from Canada, Chile, the United States, Guatemala and Mexico gathered for the Feast. Staying at the same hotel and sharing most meals together provided many opportunities to strengthen friendships. The hotel's event hall accommodated daily services, Bible studies and afternoon activities.

Brethren also enjoyed opportunities to explore the area's beautiful bays and beaches. Activities included a sightseeing bus tour and a daylong catamaran excursion. During the cruise, we held services aboard the boat before enjoying swimming, snorkeling and fellowship. These experiences gave us opportunities to appreciate God's creation and spend time together.

One of the most joyful highlights was the baptism of Carla Gutiérrez, which took place in the hotel's swimming pool on Friday morning.

We are deeply grateful to God for the opportunity to celebrate the Feast together in this beautiful location. We also thank the dedicated volunteers whose service helped make the Feast a success.

Our sincere appreciation goes to the brethren in the United States whose

generous financial support helped make this celebration possible. Your contributions were a meaningful expression of love and support for your brothers and sisters in Mexico.

Preparations are already underway for the Feast in 2027, and we look forward to sharing more information soon.

Gabriel Garcia

New Zealand

Taupo

The 2026 Feast of Tabernacles in New Zealand was a wonderful foreshadowing of the coming Kingdom of God. Exactly 100 brethren from different countries and backgrounds gathered to keep the Feast in the beautiful setting of Taupo, with its lake, snowcapped mountains and cherry trees in full bloom.

The love and care brethren showed for one another made the Feast especially meaningful. We were encouraged to live tomorrow's way of life today and be the salt of the earth.

Family day was filled with joy as many tried their hand at miniature golf and enjoyed games in the evening. A family dinner featuring ice cream sundaes provided another opportunity for fellowship.

The young at heart enjoyed an afternoon in Rotorua, about an hour from the Feast site, where they rode the luge and shared a fellowship dinner.

Friday evening's Bible study ad-



ressed the question, "Where are we now in biblical prophecy?" Sermons focused on the hope of a better world, when Christ will bring lasting peace and God's law will go forth from Jerusalem. These messages helped us look beyond the troubles of the present world.

The final sermon looked ahead to the New Jerusalem descending to earth in all its glory. We eagerly await the time when God the Father and Jesus Christ will dwell with humanity, and God will wipe away every tear. There will be no more death, sorrow or pain.

Anna Pickett

Nigeria

Ilesha



The 2026 Feast of Tabernacles and Eighth Day in Nigeria took place at the Zenababs Half Moon Holiday Resort in Ilesha, Osun State. Nestled among rolling hills and lush greenery, the resort provided a peaceful setting for spiritual renewal, worship and fellowship. A total of 107 brethren attended from the Lagos, Owerri and Benin congregations, as well as outlying regions and the United States, gathering in unity to observe God's appointed times.

The brethren were delighted to welcome visiting senior pastor Paul Moody. Daily services, Bible studies, festival school and group discussions on the theme "Follow Me" provided spiritual instruction throughout the Feast. The

youth activities helped strengthen the faith of teens and young adults and deepen their appreciation of God's plan for humanity.

Activities that encouraged unity and fellowship included a tie-dye workshop, an afternoon leadership training class for speakers, a waterfall excursion for senior citizens, a women's enrichment retreat, swimming, sports, a talent show and a movie night featuring local goat pepper soup.

Members expressed appreciation for the inspiring messages and warm fellowship, noting that the Feast offered a meaningful foretaste of the Kingdom of God.

We thank God for His protection and blessings, Paul Moody for his guidance, and the organizing committee, volunteers and participants whose service helped make the Feast a success. As we look forward to the coming Holy Days, we pray that God will continue to strengthen His people and help us remain faithful to Him.

Paul Ogundipe

Peru

Las Gambusinas



We observed the Feast of Tabernacles and the Eighth Day at the Las Gambusinas recreational center in Lima, Peru. Peak attendance was 39, including brethren from Guatemala, Chile, Bolivia, Brazil, Venezuela and Peru.

Daily services provided the spiritual focus of the Feast, complemented by two Bible studies. One study for youth was led by Marcelo Saavedra, pastor for the Southern Cone region, while another was presented by deacons Oscar Quemé of Guatemala and Wanderson Esquerdo of Brazil.

A welcome event highlighted the cultural traditions of the countries represented. Brethren enjoyed traditional dances, including the Peruvian marinera, Chilean cueca, tunantada and a Guatemalan dance performance. We appreciate everyone who prepared these presentations.

The spacious grounds of Las Gambusinas provided opportunities for family activities, games and group sports. Additional activities included a women's fellowship gathering, a children's party, a family dance and a bonfire. These occasions helped strengthen friendships among brethren from different countries.

Excursions included a boat trip from Callao to the Palomino Islands, where participants observed marine wildlife and had the opportunity to swim alongside sea lions. Others enjoyed a guided tour of Lima's Historic Center, including its cathedral, Government Palace and other historical landmarks.

We thank God for the opportunity to celebrate the Feast together in an atmosphere of joy, unity and fellowship. Our time in Peru strengthened our appreciation for God's plan and the coming Kingdom of God, which the Feast of Tabernacles pictures.

Angel Rodríguez

Philippines

Baguio City

For the 24th time, the Feast of Tabernacles was held at the Girl Scouts' "Ating Tahanan" grounds in Baguio

City, Philippines. This was also the 12th year we were able to use their multipurpose hall.

During the opening night service, our festival coordinator welcomed brethren from throughout Luzon, including members from Naga in the Bicol Region attending for the first time, as well as brethren from the Visayas and overseas.

On the first Holy Day, we viewed an inspiring welcome video from UCG President John Elliott. That afternoon, we connected via webcast with senior pastor David Dobson in Bukidnon for his message, "Gift of Vision." On the Eighth Day, we heard another of his messages from Baybay, Leyte. Throughout the Feast, messages encouraged us to take our calling seriously and reflect on this year's theme, "Follow Christ for the Kingdom Is at Hand."

Youth Day featured games and activities for preteens and teens, followed by a Bible study. On the third day, one deacon and two deaconesses were ordained, a joyful occasion for the congregation.



Other highlights included a seniors' dinner, where teens and young adults helped serve meals, and seniors entertained everyone with songs and dances. Family day offered games, food and fellowship, while the variety show featured music, dancing and comedy skits.

The warm fellowship, spirit of service and outgoing concern shown by the brethren made this Feast especially

meaningful. We thank God our Father and Jesus Christ for deepening our understanding of His plan of salvation and reminding us to practice joy, unity, trust and love as we look forward to His coming Kingdom.

Rey Evasco

Bukidnon



Brethren once again gathered at Hotel de Susana Resort in Valencia City, Bukidnon, Philippines, for the Feast of Tabernacles and the Eighth Day, with a peak attendance of 187. International attendees included brethren from Australia and the United States, as well as a Filipino family from Singapore.

The opening evening featured congregational hymn singing and a fellowship dinner, providing opportunities to renew friendships and welcome newcomers. On the first Holy Day, an inspiring welcome message from UCG President John Elliott and the senior pastor's message on the gift of vision set a meaningful tone for the Feast.

Activities included a festival show showcasing the talents of brethren from across Mindanao, with especially delightful performances by the children. Youth activities, a seniors' gathering, a women's enrichment forum, a men's social and a young adults' outing provided opportunities for fellowship and growth. Parents also benefited from a forum addressing common parenting challenges.

Family day featured the blessing

of three children, games and a movie night. Another memorable highlight was the baptism of one individual on the seventh day. A festival dinner provided an opportunity to thank those who faithfully served throughout the Feast.

On the Eighth Day, the senior pastor delivered a message webcast throughout the Philippines, emphasizing the hope and joy found in the fulfillment of God's plan for humanity.

The 2026 Feast of Tabernacles and Eighth Day were blessed occasions of learning, fellowship and spiritual growth. May we continue growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ as we eagerly anticipate the coming Kingdom of God.

Noel Roy Gilos

Visayas



Brethren from across the Visayas region gathered at Visayas State University in Baybay City, Leyte, Philippines, for the Feast of Tabernacles and the Eighth Day. Peak on-site attendance reached 178, while nine others joined daily services via webcast from Leyte, Southern Mindanao, Bohol and Hawaii.

The Feast began with a morning service featuring a welcome video message from UCG President John Elliott. That afternoon, brethren joined a webcast service from the Mindanao Feast site in Bukidnon. Daily services provided spiritual instruction and encouragement

through God's Word.

Activities for youth, young adults and seniors offered opportunities to strengthen friendships. Brethren also enjoyed an excursion to Digyo Island, followed by a men's barbecue dinner and fellowship gathering.

A festival show featured performances showcasing members' talents, while a women's enrichment event provided opportunities for encouragement and fellowship. Family day brought children and adults together for games, food and other activities.

On the seventh evening, brethren gathered for an appreciation dinner to recognize the shared experiences and service that made the Feast special.

The celebration concluded with the Eighth Day, emphasizing God's plan for humanity and the hope of His coming Kingdom. As brethren returned home, they carried fond memories, renewed faith and a deeper appreciation for their spiritual family, along with a renewed commitment to follow Christ and live by His teachings.

Jose T. Campos

Rwanda

Musanze

Greetings from all 60 brothers and sisters in Christ who attended the Feast in Rwanda!

We are pleased to share that the In-gando (camp/retreat) celebration in Rwanda was a wonderful success. We stayed in Musanze, near the university, overlooking the volcanic forest and Mount Muhabura.

The lessons taught during the Feast were greatly appreciated, as was the support that made this observance possible. We are deeply grateful for both the financial assistance and teaching support the Church provided to brethren in Musanze, Rubavu and Nyabihu (Mukamira).

Thank you very much, and may God bless you abundantly!

*Jean D'amour (Rubavu) and
Daniel Mukamira (Nyabihu),*

Saint Lucia

Soufrière



With its forest-clad volcanic Pitons, lush tropical vegetation and turquoise waters, St. Lucia provided a beautiful setting for observing God's Feast of Tabernacles.

The opening service, held Friday at the Leisure Inn in Soufrière, welcomed 12 St. Lucian brethren, two from Trinidad and Tobago, one from St. Vincent and the Grenadines, one from Dominica and six from the United States, for a total of 22 attendees.

Brethren gathered daily for inspiring sermons, split sermons, sermonettes and special music. Messages included a video presentation by UCG President John Elliott on the coming Kingdom of God. Other speakers addressed the purpose of the Feast and how marriage and God's commandments prepare us for the Kingdom.

Activities included a catamaran cruise and family day outing to a beach near Gros Piton, where brethren enjoyed lunch, games, swimming and fellowship. The return trip included a sunset cruise.

Other excursions included a nature trail hike with views of the twin Pitons

and a rum and chocolate tasting tour at a former colonial plantation.

On the Eighth Day, the group shared lunch at the Still Restaurant and Beach Bar, overlooking Soufrière Beach and Petit Piton.

The following Saturday evening, brethren gathered once more for refreshments, board games and farewells. We thank God for the opportunity to worship and rejoice together in such a beautiful setting and look forward to meeting again.

Kelland Barthelmy

South Africa

Mossel Bay



Mossel Bay experienced another inspiring and blessed Feast, welcoming 38 international visitors from the United States, Canada, Australia and the United Kingdom. Five contributed to the speaking schedule, while others enriched the special music.

Our busy schedule provided many opportunities for fellowship, including shared meals, a welcome evening with get-to-know-you activities and the increasingly popular Mystery Invitation. During this activity, brethren signed up as guests or hosts, and the coordinator arranged the gatherings. Open-house evenings hosted by our festival elder and those sharing accommodations with him also welcomed everyone for meals and fellowship.

Mossel Bay's natural beauty provided opportunities for morning beach walks, while a three-hour game drive at a private game reserve was especially memorable for international visitors.

Other activities included bingo, a musical evening, and gatherings for children, youth, young adults and seniors. Inspiring messages encouraged us to persevere, trust God's promises and "be there" in His coming Kingdom.

A particularly meaningful addition to our first Holy Day service was a tribute honoring 10 members and relatives of members who had died since the previous Feast. We also remembered those unable to attend because of health or other challenges, sending cards signed by the brethren. Daily services and Bible studies were available by webcast.

The Feast passed quickly, but we returned home encouraged and strengthened to face another uncertain year. We look forward to gathering again next year and welcoming more members of our spiritual family from around the world!

Vivien Botha

Sri Lanka

Habarana

In Habarana Village, Sri Lanka, 54 brethren celebrated God's Feast of Tabernacles, enjoying inspiring spiritual instruction, warm fellowship and the beauty of the surrounding countryside. The hotel's cottages, nestled among 27 acres of lush grounds beside a lake, allowed brethren to stay near one another.

Fellowship and unity were hallmarks of the Feast. Daily services provided encouraging spiritual messages, while special music performed by local and overseas brethren added to the joy of worship.

Many enjoyed evening walks around the property, observing the wildlife and beautiful surroundings. One memorable incident involved a mischievous monkey that took a mobile phone briefly left unattended, much to everyone's amusement!



Brethren of all ages served one another with gladness, and the Feast team went above and beyond their duties.

Activities included cricket, family day, game night, a Bible quiz and sight-seeing excursions. Some adventurous brethren climbed Pidurangala Rock or nearby Sigiriya Rock, while others enjoyed a safari in Kaudulla National Park, where they observed herds of elephants in their natural habitat.

The hotel management and staff provided excellent service, including a reserved dining area that allowed brethren to share meals together.

Many commented that this was their best Feast yet. We give all glory and honor to God our Father and our elder Brother, Jesus Christ. We echo King David's words: "I will praise You, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works" (Psalm 9:1).

Frank Reckerman

Thailand

Chiang Mai

Nearly 200 brethren from about 14 countries celebrated a joyful, unified



Feast of Tabernacles at the Empress Hotel in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Speakers planned their messages weeks in advance to make sure they stayed focused on the Feast and the coming Kingdom of God. Each speaker's notes were translated so Burmese-speaking brethren could hear every message in their own language. Members unable to attend services could listen to either a Burmese or an English webcast online.

Music was a highlight, featuring a youth choir, an adult choir, a Karen group, and Burmese groups presenting uplifting special music. On both Holy Days, all the brethren shared a buffet meal together.

Thailand's history and culture were on display during an excursion to an elephant reserve and an afternoon tour of an umbrella and silk factory, with almost all members choosing to attend.

Togetherness was featured at our family fun show night with 11 performances, including a piano solo, a ballet, a ladies' dance ensemble from the Philippines, the South African national anthem, and a family singing "Let's Build Our Christian Love." An ice cream social gave everyone even more time to fellowship.

It was a true blessing to see brethren from many nations and languages come together, giving us a glimpse of the Kingdom and reminding us of the day when people from every nation will worship God as one.

Steve Myers

Turkey

Traveling from eight countries, 79 attendees gathered in Turkey to visit most of the seven churches of Revelation, along with other biblical sites such as Miletus and Hierapolis.

Often called "the Other Holy Land," Turkey is rich in first-century biblical history. The primary goal, of course, was to celebrate the coming millennial Kingdom of God while gaining a deeper understanding of the early Church.

Many attendees participated in pre- and post-Feast trips to Istanbul and Cappadocia. During the Feast, we stayed at three different hotels, spending the final six nights at an all-inclusive beachfront hotel along the Aegean Sea, about 30 minutes from Ephesus. The archaeological ruins of Ephesus remain a highlight for visitors to Turkey, but the substantial progress in excavating Laodicea was also impressive. Elder Scott Ashley shared biblical insights at both Laodi-



cea and Miletus.

The messages during Feast services were spiritually enriching, providing helpful insights into the early Church and the Millennium. We were blessed with talented musicians, including live piano accompaniment and special music on most days. Sign-language interpretation was also provided, with volunteers assisting as needed.

The food in Turkey was delicious and plentiful. Optional shopping and educational excursions included visits to the mountain village of Şirince, a Turkish carpet factory, a leather goods store, a Turkish delight shop and several museums.

Throughout the tour, attendees felt safe and welcomed by the local people.

Charles Melear

United Kingdom

Aviemore, Scotland



The Feast of Tabernacles in the British Isles this year was held at Aviemore in the Highlands of Scotland. Traveling from 15 countries, 500 brethren fully enjoyed the natural beauty of the Cairngorm Mountain area including travel to Loch Ness and ancient castles, national parks by funicular (mountain train), local whisky distilleries and pleasant trips by steam train. Brethren were enthralled with live playing of bagpipes, and an energetic evening of traditional Scottish dancing (a ceilidh, pronounced kay-lee) was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The hotel resort offered many places for fellowship and many comments were made as to how enjoyable the Feast was including a bounty of inspiring Feast-themed messages.

Jason Godfrey

United States

Aransas Pass, Texas

We had a blessed Feast of Tabernacles in Aransas Pass, Texas, where brethren gathered at the Aransas Pass Civic Center for eight days of worship and warm Gulf Coast fellowship. With Port Aransas and Mustang Island just a short ferry ride away, many enjoyed the coastal views and ocean breeze between services.



Messages throughout the week carried a steady theme of hope in the soon-coming Kingdom of God. Bible studies for young adults and teens kept our younger brethren engaged, while our senior members enjoyed a luncheon featuring poetry and a few surprise musical performances.

Family day took us to the beach at Rockport, where brethren swam, fished and relaxed together along the water. Thursday evening brought the congregation together for barbecue, dancing and a movie night that ran late into the evening.

Special music from our choir, soloists and musicians enriched the services. No one went hungry: A food truck was available in the Civic Center parking lot on a couple of mornings, and brethren gathered at the nearby Butter Churn for all-you-can-eat brisket and country-fried steak.

We thank God for a Feast that strengthened our families and renewed our hope in the world to come.

Jason Musgrove

Branson, Missouri

There was a wonderful sense of peace and unity as over 700 brethren celebrated the Feast in Branson, Missouri! Consistently strong attendance at daily services reflected the conviction and commitment of the brethren, including a particularly high turnout for the afternoon service on the Eighth Day.

Messages focused on what the Feast pictures and the coming Kingdom of God. Sermon topics included preparing our hearts, future responsibilities, servant leadership, godly instruction and the restoration of values lost in today's world. We were encouraged to consider how we will serve and teach others in God's Kingdom.

One young woman took to heart a message about serving others. Drawing on her experience teaching dance classes, she volunteered to give lessons at our family dance, attended by 239 brethren. It was delightful to see people of all ages participating, especially our young families.

The family day picnic drew 320 brethren. Despite threatening skies, the weather remained cool, and a beautiful double rainbow appeared near sunset.

Fred Nance presented a well-attended Bible study on how Deuteronomy provides inspiration and instruction as we prepare for the promised Kingdom of God. More than 200 brethren attended.

The Branson brethren again demonstrated their generosity through contributions to the Family Helping Families



fund. Their kindness covered virtually all activity expenses and provided a wonderful example of sharing and service.

Several attendees described the Feast as a banquet of spiritual food and fellowship. To God be the glory!

Joe and Pat Dobson

Cincinnati, Ohio

The Queen City, situated on the Ohio River, again provided an excellent location for coming before God and rejoicing in His great spiritual purpose. A total of 250 members attended this year's Feast of Tabernacles in Cincinnati, the home of the United Church of God's headquarters.



Sermons focused on encouraging members to continue preparing for their roles in the coming Kingdom of God. Fellowship took place during group meals and through hundreds of conversations in the large atrium of the Holiday Inn Eastgate, this year's Feast venue.

The seniors' luncheon featured a discussion about the role of miracles in people's lives. A booklet containing stories of miraculous interventions in members' lives was prepared and distributed at the luncheon.

Two Bible studies focusing on Christ's message to His Church were held before services on separate mornings. Young adults and the young at heart enjoyed an afternoon outing to a local game center. Members also visited

nearby museums, a recreation of Noah's Ark and the National Museum of the United States Air Force.

A highlight for many was a guided tour of the United Church of God home office in Milford.

Members received a copy of *The Harmony of the Gospels* to use in their studies during the coming year. Those in attendance were grateful for God's blessings. Many thanks to everyone who helped make the Feast of Tabernacles in Cincinnati an experience to remember!

Darris McNeely

Daytona Beach, Florida



On the beautiful Atlantic coastline of Daytona Beach, Florida, brethren gathered from near and far to rejoice together, worship God and reflect on the incredible future pictured by God's annual Holy Days.

Daily services provided spiritual encouragement and instruction, with messages focusing on God's purpose for His people, the importance of remaining steadfast in our faith and the hope of the world tomorrow. The Feast offered a welcome opportunity to step away from everyday concerns and focus on the promises of peace, restoration and unity that will be realized under the reign of Jesus Christ.

Beyond daily services, activities provided fellowship opportunities for brethren of all ages. A family dance brought generations together for an

evening of music and enjoyment, while interactive Bible games and trivia encouraged biblical knowledge and friendly competition. Bible studies and seminars explored maintaining faith in a world increasingly at odds with God's ways, the millennial temple described in Ezekiel and the writings of the prophet Zephaniah.

The Daytona Beach area provided a beautiful setting, with miles of Atlantic shoreline where families and friends could spend time together. Through organized activities, shared meals and informal conversations, brethren strengthened friendships and built new relationships within the family of God.

As the Feast concluded and we celebrated the Eighth Day, our attention turned toward the remarkable future God has prepared for humanity. Our time together in Daytona Beach reminded us of the joy of dwelling in unity and the wonderful future pictured by these Holy Days.

Stephen Bouchette

Glacier Country, Montana

Glacier Bible Camp in Hungry Horse, Montana, welcomed its largest Feast of Tabernacles yet in 2026. With Glacier National Park nearby, brethren enjoyed spectacular scenery, including a designated Glacier Day for exploring the park. Bears even wandered near camp on several evenings!

Glacier Country was one of two national webcast sites this year, along with Panama City Beach, allowing brethren across the nation to join in worship online. Services featured a variety of speakers, including a video message from UCG President John Elliott. A four-part seminar series led by Scott Delamater, Tom Robinson and Micah Gun emphasized proclaiming the gospel of the coming Kingdom of God and the role members can play. Special music included Feast, teen and children's choirs, ensembles



and a Friday evening hymn sing.

The Youth Education Program introduced a station format for approximately 90 children. The children also led a food drive for the local food bank, collecting 1,361 pounds of food and household supplies and \$1,210.75 in donations.

Other activities included youth and young adult gatherings, a family bowling party, family day and a family dance. Contributions to Families Helping Families made the major activities free for attendees. A seniors' luncheon and widows' gathering provided additional fellowship opportunities. The Feast also included two weddings and two baptisms.

We give God the Father and Jesus Christ praise and thanks for a safe, joyful Feast of Tabernacles and Eighth Day in Glacier Country.

Daniel Deininger

Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

The beautiful Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, area provided the setting for 266 of God's people to assemble before our



heavenly Father at this year's Feast of Tabernacles. We shared a common focus: rejoicing before the Lord, learning to fear Him and looking forward to His coming Kingdom.

Daily services provided inspiring messages from God's Word, complemented by three Bible studies: "A Vision of Peace," "Still Bearing Fruit: The High Value of Older Members," and "Behold!," which challenged us to see life from God's eternal perspective.

Special music enriched our services, with contributions from the festival choir, small groups, soloists and children's choir.

Activities brought brethren of all ages together. Young people enjoyed disc golf and a "Millennial Stuff and Fluff" activity. Seniors shared a dinner featuring a one-man musical performance, while families gathered for an evening of bingo.

Many cited fellowship as a highlight of the Feast. Conversations often centered on the millennial vision God has revealed, and brethren demonstrated a spirit of unity and encouragement.

Sunny days provided opportunities for hikes, walks and scenic drives through the Lake Geneva area, allowing us to appreciate God's creation.

We are grateful for the opportunity to observe the Feast of Tabernacles in this beautiful setting, rejoicing together and strengthening our vision of God's coming Kingdom.

Devin Schulz

Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

Roses and sunflowers lined my walk each morning as I made my way to Shackford Hall, atop the hill on the northwest side of Lake Junaluska. The fog covering the lake usually dissipated by midmorning as more than 500 brethren began arriving for services. Soon, the sounds of conversation drowned out those of pick-

leball players in the nearby park.

The Feast at Lake Junaluska truly had a family atmosphere. Brethren arrived early and stayed late each day to fellowship. Services featured excellent sermons emphasizing the contrast between the temporary things of this life and the permanence of God's Kingdom. Beautiful special music enriched each day's services, while a talented small ensemble accompanied the hymns, adding to the joyous atmosphere.

Nearly every afternoon and evening offered activities for all ages. These included a dessert social; hiking and marshmallow roasting for singles and young adults; horseback riding; a teen outing to a nearby farm; a paper airplane contest; and youth education classes featuring a Lego scavenger hunt for children and parents. Family day brought delicious food and sports by the lake. Other activities included women's Bible discussions, a seniors' luncheon with acoustic guitar music, Bible studies, hospitality rooms, a karaoke dance and a Friday evening hymn sing.



The historic neighborhood surrounding the lake offered beautiful scenery, while nearby towns, the Blue Ridge Mountains and scenic drives provided additional opportunities to explore.

God truly blessed our time together at Lake Junaluska with pleasant weather, beautiful surroundings, uplifting music and warm fellowship throughout the Feast.

Lewis VanAusdle

Lancaster, Pennsylvania

God's Feast of Tabernacles in Lancaster, Pennsylvania was filled with inspiring messages, non-stop entertainment and endless opportunities for fellowship for the 331 brethren in attendance, which exceeded expectations!



Throughout the Feast, the brethren were edified with many inspiring messages. Additionally, we had a young adult Bible study and two days of youth Bible lessons. On Friday evening Mr. Gary Petty offered a Bible study for everyone, focused on our place in Bible prophecy.

We also had a Feast filled with fun and fellowship! From the first day of the Feast our preteen children were able to participate in the "Treasures in Heaven Hunt." Each day, after the children completed their assignment of describing how they fulfilled an act of love, like "Love Is Patient," they could select a toy from the treasure chest! It was a lot of fun for the younger kids!

We enjoyed a multitude of activities for all ages, including a trip to the legendary Sight and Sound Theater to see the play "Joshua." We also enjoyed a dance/variety show, a card and game night, and family day at Cherry Crest Farm! The teens and young adults spent an afternoon at the Rocky Springs Entertainment Center, bowling and playing laser tag! The brethren also shared two meals. One was our annual seniors' luncheon where we had a very nice meal and we shared a few laughs and triv-

ia, during the meal. On the Eighth Day between services, we offered a meal for everyone that wanted to attend, and we had over 200 brethren together “breaking bread.” It was a great way to wrap up a Feast filled with fellowship!

At the conclusion of God’s Feast of Tabernacles and the Eighth Day, the brethren departed for home with wonderful memories, new friendships and a longing for the return to God’s Feast Days in the spring!

Bart Bornhorst

Morehead City, North Carolina

Hello, friends! This year’s Feast in Morehead City, North Carolina, was a wonderfully refreshing and memorable eight days. More than 300 brethren gathered along the Crystal Coast to worship God, fellowship together and refocus our minds on the good news of the coming Kingdom of God and the wonderful world tomorrow!

Despite the effects of a tropical storm that brought significant damage to portions of the Outer Banks during the Feast, God mercifully protected our gathering in Morehead City and blessed us with remarkably pleasant weather. Brethren enjoyed many opportunities for service, fellowship and special activities. Families spent an afternoon together at the beach near Fort Macon, seniors gathered for a special luncheon honoring their years of faith and service, and an ice cream social and dinner cruise provided additional chances for fellowship.

Throughout the week we enjoyed many physical meals together, but even more importantly, we received much in the way of spiritual food. We were reminded of the tremendous hope contained in Scripture, and messages consistently directed our attention toward Christ’s return and the establishment of His righteous government. We depart-



ed from Morehead City thankful and encouraged, but with renewed enthusiasm for this tremendous work in which God’s people are presently engaged!

Nick Lamoureux

Panama City Beach, Florida

The Feast of Tabernacles and Eighth Day were celebrated by 1,040 brethren in Panama City Beach, Florida, this year. God richly blessed our Feast with outstanding spiritual food, wonderful fellowship and ideal weather.



The messages helped sharpen our focus on the coming Kingdom of God. We reflected on how the lessons we learn today will benefit those we will serve in the future. We also envisioned how different the world will be, with God’s Word and Spirit in abundance throughout the earth. Through our Bible talks, we learned more about the region and people of Galilee during Christ’s time, as well as fascinating facts that support the Bible’s historical accuracy.

There was a wide variety of activities

for Feastgoers, including a family dance with more than 400 in attendance! Family day was held at St. Andrews State Park, and the teens enjoyed an outing to a trampoline park. New this year was the women with widows meet and greet, which brought women of all ages together to honor our widows.

Other highlights included an engagement on the beach and a baptism in the ocean. We also had a member celebrating her 75th Feast of Tabernacles!

May God speed the day when the King of kings and Lord of lords returns to establish His Kingdom on earth, bringing to fulfillment the wonderful future pictured by the Feast of Tabernacles and Eighth Day.

Dan Preston

Redmond, Oregon

A total of 624 brethren gathered on the first day of the Feast in Redmond, Oregon, beginning a week marked by joyful fellowship, service and generosity.

The Feast opened with a focus on God’s purpose in bringing His people before Him (Deuteronomy 14:23). Messages emphasized not only learning God’s way but also allowing Him to shape us into people who put that knowledge into practice through service to others.

On the first Holy Day, Paul’s words in 2 Corinthians 1:24 introduced the recurring Feast theme, “Helpers of Their Joy.” Brethren were encouraged to consider how God is preparing His firstfruits to serve with Jesus Christ and to



develop the mercy, patience, encouragement, generosity and love needed for that service.

This spirit of giving was evident throughout the Feast and extended into the local community. Feastgoers donated 411 pounds of nonperishable food and \$3,318 to NeighborImpact, a local nonprofit organization. The organization estimated that these contributions would provide approximately 7,417 meals. Brethren also collected stuffed animals for children on family day, with seven additional large bags donated to the pediatric department at St. Charles Hospital.

Feast-centered sermons reinforced the theme of joyful service, while special music, including a children's choir, added to the spirit of rejoicing. The participation of different generations reflected the importance of learning, serving and worshipping together before our Father.

The Feast in Redmond reminded us that God brings His people together to learn His way and gives us opportunities to put those lessons into practice. By becoming helpers of one another's joy, we strengthen our desire for His coming Kingdom.

Rob Slocum

Sturgis, South Dakota

God answered our prayers for a safe, meaningful and joyous Feast in Sturgis, South Dakota this year. The opening night message drew encouragement from Acts 18:21, where Paul expressed his commitment to "by all means keep this coming feast," inspiring us to demonstrate that same commitment today.

Sermonettes and sermons covered God's perfect government, preparing to reign with Christ, restoring family relationships, a world without war, recognizing Satan's devices and God's love and plan for humanity. Youth instruc-

tion, a teen Bible study and a general Bible study provided additional opportunities for learning.

Generous Holy Day offerings and donations to Families Helping Families reflected the brethren's desire to give and serve others. These contributions also made possible a family night with free pizza and beverages for everyone.



Many attendees explored the natural beauty and history of the Black Hills, including Mount Rushmore, Devils Tower and the fall colors of Spearfish Canyon.

Brethren often arrived early and stayed late for fellowship before and after services. This was especially meaningful for those living across the vast upper Great Plains, where some members are as much as seven hours from the nearest congregation and cannot regularly attend services.

The Feast concluded with an impressive turnout of volunteers who helped take down decorations and load equipment after the final service. Truly, many hands made light work!

God blessed our Feast to the very end, providing spiritual encouragement, joyful fellowship and many opportunities to serve one another.

Ken Skorseth

Temecula, California

Almost 500 brethren gathered in Temecula, California, to observe the Feast of Tabernacles. Set amid the vineyards and rolling hills of Southern Califor-

nia's wine country, Temecula provided a beautiful setting for eight days of rejoicing, reflection and encouragement.

The weather was generally pleasant, though occasionally warm, allowing brethren to enjoy the surrounding countryside and spend time together outdoors between services.

Messages throughout the Feast provided spiritual instruction and encouragement, emphasizing the hope and purpose found in God's plan for humanity. Sermons reinforced the vision of God's coming Kingdom while encouraging us to continue growing in faith, love and service to one another.

One of the greatest blessings was the opportunity to gather as God's people, strengthen friendships and build new connections. The fellowship and shared worship helped renew our spiritual focus and deepen our appreciation for God's way of life.



As the Feast of Tabernacles concluded, brethren departed with cherished memories, gratitude for their time together and renewed anticipation of the glorious future God has promised.

Ryan Hall

Walnut Creek, Ohio

A total of 248 brethren gathered in Walnut Creek, Ohio, for the 2026 Feast of Tabernacles and Eighth Day, enjoying beautiful fall weather, warm fellowship and a Feast centered on the theme "It Is Written..."



Throughout the Feast, messages emphasized the authority of God's Word. Brethren were encouraged not merely to know what the Bible teaches but to study Scripture carefully, discern what is written and put it into practice. From Christ's coming reign to the hope pictured by the Eighth Day, the message was clear: We can trust what God has written.

Activities included a ladies' tea themed "Let Your Light Shine," a carnival-style family day, bingo, dance lessons, karaoke and fellowship around the campfire. The refrigerated "Deuteronomy Storehouse" trailer provided an abundance of food.

An unusual development occurred about 10 miles away, where approximately 200 people, nearly all from Amish backgrounds and connected to John and Susan Miller, observed the Feast while camping in a farmer's field. Such a gathering would have seemed almost unthinkable in Holmes County just 10 years ago.

Walnut Creek brethren brought a large kettle of chili to share with the nearby group, creating opportunities for conversation, encouragement and fellowship with those beginning to observe God's Holy Days. On the Eighth Day, several singers from that group joined the Walnut Creek choir to perform "The Goodness of God" before the final sermon.

The experience offered a glimpse of people from different backgrounds coming together in response to God's

Word. The Feast reminded us of our responsibility not only to know what Scripture says but to live by it. "It is written..."

John Miller

Zambia

Kalukanya, Madzimawe, Mufulira and Verino

Nearly 600 brethren gathered in Zambia for a joyful Feast of Tabernacles at four sites: Mufulira in the Copperbelt (196 attendees), Kalukanya near the Tanzanian border (130), Madzimawe in Eastern Province (53) and Verino, southeast of Lusaka (225).



With members scattered among 20 congregations across this vast country, the Feast provided a welcome opportunity for worship, fellowship and rejoicing in God's coming Kingdom.

Daily services featured messages about the Kingdom of God and practical Christian living. Afternoon Bible studies encouraged thoughtful questions and participation, particularly from those newer to the Church. Nearly half of the attendees were children, and activities for youth, seniors and families brought generations together.

Each site offered memorable experiences. At Kalukanya, a "Secret Friends" gift exchange strengthened friendships. Brethren at Madzimawe visited Sunnyside Nature Reserve near Chipa-

ta, where many enjoyed seeing wildlife and indigenous vegetation.

Victor and Beverly Kubik visited brethren in Eastern Province for the Sabbath and Day of Atonement before attending the Feast at Verino. Visiting ministers from the United States also provided spiritual instruction and encouragement.

All four sites are Church-owned, allowing brethren to camp together and share meals and activities. Transportation assistance was another blessing. Through LifeNets, Verino received a bus that brought brethren from the Mumbwa region, while another bus serves members around Mufulira.

The Feast reminded brethren of the worldwide family God is building, united by faith despite differences in geography, language and circumstances. The lessons, friendships and joyful memories will continue to encourage them throughout the coming year.

Victor Kubik

Zimbabwe

Chemba and Kadoma

The Feast of Tabernacles in Zimbabwe was truly a resounding success. Brethren gathered at two sites: Chemba/Gokwe and Kadoma, where the Feast was held on the new Church property.

In Chemba, deacon Mike Nyamasoka assisted Vensen Moyo with speaking responsibilities. Messages focused on



the coming Kingdom of God and our responsibilities today. Peak attendance reached 40.

In Kadoma, at least 40 brethren gathered for spiritual instruction from local speakers. Two visitors from Zambia also attended. On family day, brethren enjoyed a variety of activities, including tug-of-war, egg-and-spoon races, sack races and balloon games.

Overall, the Feast was a wonderful and inspiring experience at both locations.

Mabasa Chichaya

Satellite Sites

Canada

North Battleford, Saskatchewan

This year, the Feast of Tabernacles was held in North Battleford, Saskatchewan, as a local Feast site. North Battleford was chosen to serve brethren who could no longer travel the 372 miles to the Calgary Feast site.



The site welcomed 37 attendees in person, with seven more joining via Zoom. We were blessed with special music and uplifting messages, including three Bible studies covering different aspects of God's great plan.

Each morning, two members prepared breakfast for those who wished to arrive early, making use of the kitch-

en attached to the meeting hall. These meals provided wonderful opportunities for extended fellowship, which everyone greatly enjoyed!

As the first Holy Day came to a close, everyone enjoyed a festival dinner planned and prepared by Julia Yap. Julia also organized a catered lunch between services on the Eighth Day.

Warm, sunny weather allowed brethren to enjoy a hike on Finlayson Island and a tour of the Western Development Museum and Pioneer Village, which showcases Saskatchewan's history and development.

Other activities included a ladies' tea, quilling, pottery painting, a game social, a hymn sing and a movie evening featuring insights into ancient Galilean wedding customs.

We thank God for this very special Feast in North Battleford. It was particularly meaningful for those who had been unable to attend the Feast for several years because of poor health.

Special thanks go to everyone who willingly served their spiritual brothers and sisters, helping make this local Feast such a memorable occasion.

Larry DeLong

United Kingdom

Market Harborough, England

This year for the first time, UCG-British Isles had a satellite Feast site in Market Harborough located some 500 miles south for members unable to make the long journey to Aviemore.

A hotel in the town provided residential accommodation and meeting facilities for 42 attendees. For services, this site was linked to Aviemore by Zoom.

Attendees appreciated this venue's proximity to places of interest, shops and eating places. Social activities in the evenings were filled with

games, karaoke, dancing and a hymn singalong.

Jason Godfrey

United States

Ocean Shores, Washington



The coastal city of Ocean Shores, Washington, once again provided a pleasant Feast location for brethren who find it difficult to travel to more distant sites. Brethren from the Puget Sound region gathered to worship God and rejoice in His wonderful plan for the salvation of humanity.

Brethren enjoyed the Pacific Ocean beaches, beautiful sunsets and meals at local restaurants. One special event was a family dinner held in the banquet room of the well-known Galway Bay restaurant, where attendees enjoyed a traditional Irish menu.

Services were held at the Ocean Shores Lions Club facility, which accommodated our needs throughout the Feast. Brethren also appreciated the webcast from Glacier Country, Montana.

A food drive was held, with contributions donated to the Lions Club to support its efforts to provide meals for the community throughout the year.

Everyone appreciated the opportunity to observe the Feast of Tabernacles and Eighth Day at this site, giving glory to God the Father and Jesus Christ.

Gary Johnson

“Come Before His Presence with Singing...”

Psalm 100:2



Lake Junaluska, NC



Visayas, Philippines



Lake Geneva, Wisconsin



Mossel Bay, South Africa



Walnut Creek, Ohio



Calgary, Alberta, Canada



Redmond, Oregon



Hévíz, Hungary



Panajachel, Guatemala



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Nora McKinley Franke
July 18, 2026



Thomas Jeffrey Gilbert
June 19, 2026



Winston and Cathy Bothwell
60th anniversary



Ken and Jean Cline
50th anniversary

Births

Nora McKinley Franke

Justin and Mariah Franke welcomed Nora McKinley into the world on July 18. Mariah was scheduled for a C-section but went into labor five hours before the procedure. Truly an answered prayer! Aria is loving her little sister, always showering her with hugs and kisses—and they're all loving being a new family of four.

Thomas Jeffrey Gilbert

Brandon and Heidi Gilbert of the Columbus, Ohio congregation are happy to announce the birth of their first child, a bouncing baby boy, Thomas Jeffrey Gilbert, born on June 19, 2026. He weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and measured 18 inches long. The happy grandparents are Tom and Kathy Charles of Lewistown, Pennsylvania and Jeff and Connie Gilbert of Cincinnati North, Ohio.

Anniversaries

Winston and Cathy Bothwell

Winston and Cathy Bothwell celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary on Aug. 23, 2026. The occasion was

marked with a special after-services tea at church, a family lunch party for 50 and a get-together with neighbors on the road where they have lived for 59 years. They received many cards including one from King Charles and Queen Camilla.

They met at Ambassador College Bricket Wood in 1962 and were married after graduation in 1966. They have been blessed with three children: Sam, Suzi and Zoe; seven grandchildren; and currently three great-grandsons.

After graduation Winston was employed by the College Estate Department and thus began a career in horticulture. Now retired, he continues his passion for growing plants and shares the excess produce from his allotment with Church members.

Cathy dedicated her life to raising their three children and volunteered at their primary school, teaching basic cooking skills. Her forte was hospitality and she organized the catering for many Church members' wedding receptions and other large Church functions. Home was a legendary haven for hungry teenagers, many of whom have remained lifelong friends.

Cathy was ordained a deaconess in 1982,

Winston a deacon in 1976. They attend the Bricket Wood congregation which meets in one of the last remaining buildings of the old Bricket Wood Campus.

Ken and Jean Cline

Ken and Jean Cline celebrated their 50th anniversary in March of this year. The Twin Cities, Minnesota congregation had a beautiful cake after services to celebrate.

Ken first heard the *World Tomorrow* program in the 1960s and was baptized in 1970. Jean heard about the Church through family members and was baptized in 1967. The two attended neighboring congregations in the area, with Ken in the St. Paul congregation and Jean in Minneapolis. One Sabbath at combined services, Jean was organizing the singles to see if each of them would take one of the widows out to a movie and ice cream on a future Sunday. Ken offered to take Jean, but she had already asked one of the widows. Not to be deterred, Ken volunteered to take both of them. Jean was impressed and a romance bloomed. A year later, they were married.

Ken was ordained a deacon in 1989 and Jean a deaconess in 1996. Ken was



Brian and Meta Crook
50th anniversary



Dana and Joyce Ferry
60th anniversary



Jeffrey Alan Gilbert
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later ordained an elder in 2005. They have faithfully served all over the region, with Ken being willing to speak in all the neighboring congregations.

Ken enjoys playing chess, deer hunting, reading and listening to classical music. Jean has been a seamstress since high school and a quilter for the past 30 years. She also loves putting jigsaw puzzles together. Together they love to entertain and spend many Sabbaths each summer with brethren on their screened-in porch, enjoying fellowship well into the evening.

Between them they have four children, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. They are able to enjoy a weekly family dinner with those who live nearby.

Ken and Jean have been faithful servants to the Church and a wonderful example of faithfulness to all who are blessed to know them.

Brian and Meta Crook

Brian and Meta Crook of the Bricket Wood congregation celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 23, 2026. The Bricket Wood congregation celebrated with a cake and light refreshments.

Brian and Meta were married in the Music Hall on the Ambassador College Bricket Wood campus. Brian recounted that after they met some 56 years ago, they realized that they had been baptized on the same day, in the same pool at the Bricket Wood college, by the same two men, but never saw each other.

Brian says, "I was asked to wait in the library while they saw someone else, and my baptism followed. I had unknowingly shared the same water that Meta had been baptized in half an hour before. We also worked out that the first Church magazine we had received was the very same issue, some 10 years before, when we were both in our early teens attending school, Meta in Northern Ireland, and myself in Southern England."

Brian and Meta have two daughters, Debi and Jayne, and four grandchildren, Tobias, Penelope, Austin and Harry.

Dana and Joyce Ferry

The Twins Cities, Minnesota congregation celebrated Dana and Joyce Ferry's 60th wedding anniversary with cake and ice cream after services on Sept. 5, 2026.

The two met in high school and were married on Sept. 3, 1966. They have two

sons and four grandchildren.

Dana and Joyce were called into the Church of God in 1986 and baptized in 1988. Over the years they have been to many Feast sites but their favorite is Branson, Missouri. They have especially enjoyed all the many wonderful brethren from across the United States and beyond that they have been fortunate enough to meet.

Dana enjoys gardening, feeding his birds and enjoying all the wildlife in their area. Joyce enjoys cooking and baking, especially lefse, a traditional Norwegian flatbread. She also loves gardening and watching the hummingbirds.

The couple appreciates spending time with their family and friends. Most of all, they look forward to Christ's return and the coming Kingdom.

Obituaries

Jeffrey Alan Gilbert

Jeffrey Alan Gilbert, 62, of Okeana, Ohio, died suddenly at his home on Thursday, Oct. 1, 2026. He was born Feb. 25, 1964, in Cincinnati, Ohio, son of the late Richard and Jean (Brockhoff) Gilbert.

Jeff grew up on the family farm, where

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his family instilled in him the values of hard work, dedication and serving others. During his younger years, he was active in 4-H, showing steers and spending countless hours working alongside his brother and cousins on the farm. Those early experiences helped shape the hardworking and generous man he would become.

While in high school, Jeff enjoyed working with his best friends in the theater department, helping with sound and stage setup. After graduation, he earned an associate degree in electro-mechanical engineering and later went to work for Denier Electric. His career took him across the country, and during his travels, he developed a special love for Montana.

Jeff was a longtime faithful member of the United Church of God. His faith was an important part of his life and could be seen in the way he treated others. He approached everything with a servant's heart and was a light in the lives of those

fortunate enough to know him. Whether through a warm smile, a welcoming hug or simply lending a helping hand, Jeff had a special way of making people feel valued and cared for.

Above all, Jeff was a devoted husband and father. He was Connie's anchor, partner and best friend throughout their more than 37 years together. He treasured Saturday morning coffee and time spent working in the garden with Amanda. He also loved working alongside Brandon, the two sharing a natural understanding and connection with one another. Some of Jeff's favorite memories were made during family weekend trips to Huber Farms and Madison, Indiana. For Jeff, it was never about where they went, but about being together.

Jeff took tremendous joy in being Grandpa to Thomas Jeffrey Gilbert and was overjoyed by the anticipation of welcoming another grandchild,

expected by Amanda and her husband, Chad Wright. He prayed fervently for their health and happiness as their family continued to grow.

The void Jeff leaves behind is immeasurable in the hearts of his family and friends. To his family, he was simply one of the greatest men they had ever known—a man of faith, kindness, strength and unconditional love. His legacy will live on through the countless lives he touched, and his grandchildren will grow up hearing the wonderful stories of their Grandpa and learning about the remarkable man he was.

He is survived by his loving wife, Connie Gilbert; his two children, Amanda (Chad) Wright and Brandon (Heidi) Gilbert; soon-to-be two grandchildren, Thomas Gilbert and Baby Gilbert-Wright; his brother, Gary (Vicki) Gilbert; and numerous nieces, nephews, other family members and friends. [UN](#)



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CHILDREN'S CORNER

An Attitude of Gratitude

Look up the Bible verses to find the missing words. Then unscramble the boxed letters to find out when you should give thanks!

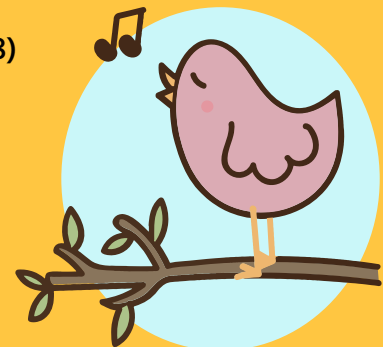
1. "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the _ _ of the Lord Jesus, _ _ _ _ thanks to God the Father through Him" (Colossians 3:17).

2. "It is good to give _ _ _ _ _ to the LORD, and to _ _ _ _ _ _ to Your name, O Most High" (Psalm 92:1).

3. "Be anxious for _ _ _ _ , but in everything by _ _ _ _ _ and supplication, with _ _ _ _ _ _ , let your _ _ _ _ be made known to God" (Philippians 4:6).

When should you give thanks?

(Hint: 1 Thessalonians 5:18)



Additional Challenge Question:

What are two verses found in Psalms that show why we begin church with singing? (Hint: Psalms 95-101)

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