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Today's key article from our President John Elliott examines the idea of a personal vision statement. Be sure to watch the included sermon link on this valuable topic!

In our new feature, "Spotlight on Good Works," you can read firsthand accounts of how your donations have helped others.

We also share an opportunity to serve by participating in our ABC Calendar fundraiser.

If you're interested in working at the home office, check out the description for an available job in Financial Services.

Additionally, we share two important updates for Winter Family Weekend. Please be sure to register if you haven't already!



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Your Personal Vision Statement



Much is changing rapidly in society, along with growing pressure to conform to lifestyles that lead down a path to destruction (Proverbs 14:12). What happens around us can impact our spiritual growth if we haven't truly internalized our place as citizens of the Kingdom of God (Ephesians 2:19).

A clear perspective of your relationship with God as His child will help you remain anchored in the coming Kingdom of God—today, tomorrow and forever. We each need to be personally aware of who we are today: children in the family of God the Father and Jesus Christ, living now under the rule of Their Kingdom and government, which Christ will establish in its fullness at His return.

Here's where we need to stop and contemplate: "Who exactly am I in God's eyes at this moment in my life?" Ephesians 5 describes a strong spiritual connection between Jesus Christ and His developing bride, marked by dedication and interaction. And we read in Revelation 19:7-8 that the bride has been diligent in making herself spiritually ready, developing in stark contrast to that of society around her. Ask yourself, "How committed to that is my personal vision of who and what I am, now, tomorrow and forever?"

The apostle Paul developed a strong personal vision of his relationship with God and His Kingdom this way. Here is a sample vision statement from Paul's own words:

"I am a child of God and joint heir with Christ (Romans 8:16-17). I am a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles (2 Timothy 1:11). Christ lives in me, and I live by faith in the Son of God (Galatians 2:20). I carry deep concern for all the churches (2 Corinthians 11:28). I strive to be a wise master builder, laying the one foundation, which is Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 3:10–11). I strive to imitate Christ so faithfully that others may imitate me (1 Corinthians 11:1). My citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:20–21). When Christ appears, I also will appear with Him in glory" (Colossians 3:4).

How clearly do you declare your personal relationship with God right now, and your part in His coming Kingdom? Why not similarly write yourself a "vision statement" that clearly defines who you are in process of becoming? Such a pronouncement could greatly help us stay focused in this age and during trying events. Endeavor to keep growing, with Christ living in you through the Holy Spirit, toward the goal pictured in the plan of salvation we just celebrated in God's annual Holy Days.

For more information on this topic, listen to the sermon linked below.

With love and appreciation for you as brethren and fellow citizens of God's coming Kingdom,



John Elliott
PRESIDENT, UNITED CHURCH OF GOD

Sermon: “Anchor Yourself to the Kingdom of God”



Discover five ways to anchor yourself in the Kingdom of God, strengthen your spiritual identity and remain steadfast in your calling.

Spotlight on Good Works



How Your Support Has Helped Brethren in Nigeria

For the past two years, Good Works has provided regular funding for food assistance to support brethren in Nigeria. These ongoing efforts have enabled the purchase and distribution of essential food supplies to those in need. The Good Works food distribution program has brought meaningful relief to approximately 120 members in the region, providing staples such as rice, beans, semo and vegetable oil.

The brethren in Nigeria remain deeply grateful for the kindness and generosity of those who have contributed to these efforts. Your support has made a tangible difference in their daily lives and stands as a powerful example of care and unity within the United Church of God.

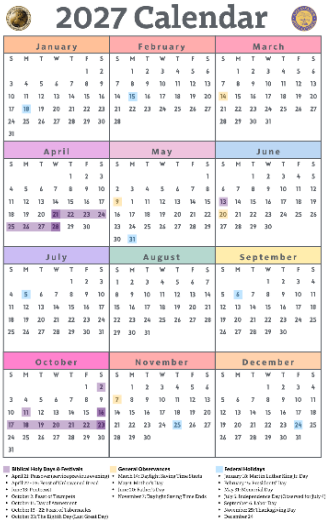
—Paul Moody, Senior Pastor, English-Speaking West Africa

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Ambassador Bible College

ABC Calendar Fundraiser

The ABC Class of 2027 is excited to offer this year's Holy Day Calendar Planners!



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

Cost: $8 each

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

Want to display your calendar on the refrigerator? Simply check the "Include Magnets" box when ordering, and we'll include two free adhesive magnet squares to attach to the back.

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

Looking for more ABC gear? You can also order apparel and accessories through our UCG Apparel and Accessories Store.

Questions? Email abcfundraiser@ucg.org.

Financial Services



Job Opening: Accounting Manager

The Financial Services department is seeking an experienced accounting manager to support the Church's growing financial needs. This management position oversees the Church's daily accounting operations and helps ensure the accuracy, integrity and timely delivery of its financial records and reports.

Key responsibilities include general accounting, financial reporting and analysis, cash management, accounts payable and receivable, internal controls, and support for payroll and benefits administration. The accounting manager will also assist with budgeting, audits and tax-related matters.

Qualified candidates should possess:

- A bachelor's degree in accounting, finance, business or a related field.
- Five or more years of progressively responsible accounting experience.
- Experience preparing financial statements and managing the month-end close process.
- Supervisory experience, preferably in an accounting or finance environment.

CPA certification and experience with nonprofit or fund accounting are preferred.

This position is located at the home office in Milford, Ohio. To request a job application, or for any specific questions about the position, please contact human_resources@ucg.org.

Winter Family Weekend



Dave PerMar
WINTER FAMILY WEEKEND COORDINATOR

Register Now for Winter Family Weekend 2026!

Winter Family Weekend is just around the corner! We look forward to welcoming everyone for another exciting weekend of fellowship, activities and fun as we celebrate this year's theme, "Household of Faith." Register today at wfw.ucg.org!

Two New Additions to WFW 2026!

1. The Oasis—Adults-Only Quiet Lounge

Need a break from the excitement? New this year, The Oasis in Foundry Hall at Champion Mill offers adults a peaceful place to relax, read or simply recharge.

Open all day Wednesday through Friday, this quiet retreat is reserved for adults only. No talking will be permitted, although soft background music may be playing. Bring your favorite folding or camping chair and enjoy a little peace and quiet!

2. Find Your Best Voice—Drop-In Vocal Workshop

Want to become a more confident singer, discover your vocal range or learn how to blend your voice with others?

Join Rebekah Williams, Kayleen Schreiber and Kourtney Kovanis for a relaxed, hands-on workshop designed to help you develop the voice God has given you.

Wednesday, 4–6 p.m. | Hamilton Ballroom

No advance sign-up is needed—just drop in and participate!

We look forward to seeing you this December at Winter Family Weekend 2026!

Register today!

UCG: Behind the Scenes



The real crew behind *Beyond Today* . . . just kidding!

Upcoming Events

October
30-Nov 1: Houston Regional Family Weekend - Tomball, TX

November
13-15: Tulsa Regional Family Weekend - Tulsa, OK

December
22-27: Winter Family Weekend - Hamilton, OH
25-27: Northwest Weekend - Portland, Oregon