

2018
Feast of Tabernacles



Snowshoe, West Virginia

WELCOME MESSAGE



United Church of God

Preaching the Gospel, Preparing a People

Welcome to the 2018 Feast of Tabernacles site in Snowshoe, West Virginia. What a spectacular location to gather together and keep the Feasts of the LORD (Lev 23:2)! Being on top of the mountain should provide spectacular views of the surrounding fall colors. The words of Isaiah come to mind, "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." This should be our primary purpose for why we have gathered here on this mountain for the next eight days; to be taught by God through the men who will be speaking.

We live in very troubling times. Hardly a day goes by without some tragedy in the news. On a global scale, there is much saber-rattling as nations make not-so-veiled threats towards one another. In the United States, violence and unrest have taken the place of ideological discussions. If people do not get their way, they fight and riot. Gossip and slander has taken the place of honest reporting of facts. As I write this, there are still 27 wild-fires raging in California and Hurricane Florence is barreling down on the Carolina coast. Jesus said events like these would be only the beginning of sorrows (Matt. 24:8), but he who endures to the end will be saved (Matt 24:13).

While we are here, we have the opportunity to shift our attention off of the cares of this world, to focus our attention on the world tomorrow. This world is temporary, but God's Kingdom is eternal. In the next 8 days we will have 18 messages and several bible studies to help strengthen your faith and understanding of God's plan. I hope you make attendance at services and the bible studies your #1 priority!

Pray for a successful Feast for all of God's people wherever they may be. Pray for the men speaking. Pray for the brethren that couldn't attend because of severe health trials. Please be mindful of your health and get plenty of rest. Let's be attentive and quiet during services.

Let's remember we are here because God commands us to come before Him to rejoice (Lev. 23:40) and learn to fear, awe, revere Him (Deut. 14:23, Deut. 31:13).

Have an Inspiring Feast!

GENERAL FEAST INFORMATION

Anointing/Counseling

Elders are on duty **1 hour before** and **1/2 hour after** services in the Anointing/Counseling area, located in the front of the hall on the LEFT side of the stage. If you have an emergency at other times, that cannot wait until regular hours, you may call **(304) 594-8906** with your request. If there is an elder you know, staying nearby, please contact him first.

Business Office/Coordinator's Office

The Business Office and Feast Coordinator's Office is located off the Main Hallway near the staircase. The office hours are **1 hour before** and **1/2 hour after services**. It will be closed on the Holy Days and the weekly Sabbath. The Business Office cannot cash personal checks.

Cards for Those Unable to Attend

There are several cards to sign, on the tables to the rear of the Expo Center that will be mailed to members unable to attend the Feast this year due to their age, failing health or financial matters. Please stop by, write a short message and sign the cards. We will mail the cards during the middle of the Feast so people can receive them before the end of the Feast.

Family Helping Family Program

God intends the Feast to be a time of spiritual and physical rejoicing. Although we all have the opportunity for a spiritually rewarding Festival, we would like to make it possible for everyone to enjoy Feast-time physical activities. If you have extra second tithe, perhaps you might consider making a donation in order to help other brethren and families participate in our group activities including the Family Dance, the Senior's Luncheon or the Teen Activity. A box for donations will be at the Information Center. This "Family Helping Family" program is being sponsored at all U.S. and Canadian Feast sites.

Fragrance Allergies

Over the last few years our society has significantly increased with those suffering from fragrance allergies. We do not want to isolate those members into private rooms to listen to services. Unless there is a special need or emergency we are asking members to refrain from wearing perfumes & colognes to services and indoor activities. Your cooperation will allow others to attend services.

Etiquette for Services

Consider these guidelines, based on biblical principles of courtesy and respect:

- **Be on time:** While a few brethren will occasionally be late for church services, regularly coming late to services without a legitimate reason shows a lack of respect for both God and the membership. Please do your best to be on time each day.
- **Hymns:** Singing praises to God is the *actual beginning* of our services honoring God.
- **During Church Services:** With a large number of members coming together for the Feast of Tabernacles, we often need to address extra people seated in or wandering through the lobby and/or the back of the meeting hall. While there may be a reason for a few people standing in these areas during services, it is generally inappropriate to be fellowshiping or wandering around in the lobby or the back of the hall while services are being conducted. Ushers and security personnel are assigned to limit unnecessary traffic in these areas. Please cooperate by remaining in your seat during services, unless given an assignment or having a need that would require otherwise.
- **Children:** Children are a great blessing! However, parents should focus on the need to train their children to sit or be occupied *quietly* during services. It does take work, effort and patience. If a child's behavior becomes disruptive, one of the parents should as quietly as possible take the child from services, and tend to his or her needs.
- **Congregation's Response:** On the other hand, as parents are working with their small children, we all should show patience and support for them.
- **Cell Phones:** Cell phones should be turned off or put on vibrate during Church services. If it is necessary to answer a call during services, you should do so outside the meeting hall so as not to disturb others around you.
- **Computer/Video Games:** Whether to allow any video games at services is a parental choice. However, many are not quiet and can be distracting. If a child is old enough to play a video game, he or she is likely old enough to learn from services.
- **Clothing:** What kind of clothing is appropriate for Church services? We should come before God wearing our best. Our attire should be modest and such that shows the proper respect for worshipping before God.

Holy Day Offerings

Please remember to bring your special Holy Day envelopes for the offerings that will be taken up on the first and last Holy Days. If you do not have your personalized envelopes, a blank one can be obtained from an usher. To ensure proper credit, all offerings must be placed in an envelope and sealed. Be sure your name, complete address and the amount of your offering are on the outside of the envelope. Make all checks payable to United Church of God, IA or UCGIA.

Housing

If you experience difficulties with housing and are unable to resolve them by talking with the management, please stop by the Information Center and leave an explanation of your situation. It will be forwarded to the Housing Department Head.

Housing Survey

On Thursday, September 27, the housing survey will be distributed. Each head of household should fill one out. Return your completed survey form to an usher or the Information Center. The housing survey assists in future negotiations and provides legitimate feedback to the housing establishments.

Illness During the Feast

If you think you may have a contagious illness, please do not come to services to be anointed. Please call for an anointing. Likewise, if you or your children have a contagious illness please do not come to services or activities.

Information Center

The Information Center is located in the back of the Expo Center. Attendants will be on duty **1 hour before** and **1/2 hour after services** to help answer some of your questions. Brochures to some of the area attractions as well as a few restaurant menus will be available.

Literature Distribution

Only those materials approved by the Festival Coordinator may be distributed at the Feast sites. No other religious material, or any political materials, can be displayed or distributed at any Festival site of the United Church of God, IA.

Lost and Found

Lost and Found is located at the Information Center. Please check this area regularly to recover lost items.

Merchandising

Once a year, for eight days, the people of God come out of a world in which they have to contend with all the pressures of materialism, advertising, endless appeals for money, and seemingly endless advice and pressure on how to spend money. The leadership of the church strives to ensure that the Feast of Tabernacles remains an oasis from those influences. It is inappropriate to sell, display or distribute anything of a commercial or fund-raising nature without prior approval from the Festival Coordinator.

Mothers Room (Nursing)

The Mothers Room is located in the **Kitchen Service Area**. There is a diaper changing table, however the main purpose for this room is for nursing infants. The room should be used for a minimum amount of time. If older children accompany a mother with an infant, please make sure they sit quietly with you and do not disturb others. Please restrict talking to that required for the needs of your child. Discipline *should not* be done in this room or anywhere else in the common areas.

Name Badges

Name badges are available at the Information Center and are provided to assist us in meeting new people and remembering their names. Please wear your name badge at services. Also, please be sure to return the plastic holder at the end of the feast, so we can reuse them to avoid future expenses.

Parking

There is limited parking adjacent to the Expo Center. We encourage as many people as possible, to walk to services so we can leave the limited parking available for those who truly are unable to walk from their room to the meeting hall. If you are a driver and need to drop-off a passenger with disabilities, the Greeters and Special Services volunteers will assist your passenger from the drop-off area, to their seat.

Seating

Seating is provided on a first come, first serve basis. If you reserve seats before services, please do so only for yourself and your family, not for large groups of friends who have not arrived. Please also try to fill in every available seat and help keep groups of empty seats, together.

Feast of Tabernacle

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	Sunday 09/23	Monday 09/24	Tuesday 09/25	Wednesday 09/26	Thursday 09/27
	Opening Evening	1st Day Holy Day	2nd Day	3rd Day Family Day	4th Day
Morning		Choir Practice 9:00-11:00	Teen Hospitality 9:00-9:45 Youth Education 9:00-9:45 SERVICES 10:00-Noon	SERVICES 10:00-Noon	Homecoming 9:00-10:00 Youth Education 9:00-10:00 SERVICES 10:00-Noon
Afternoon	Department Head Meeting 3:00-4:30 Speakers & Songleaders Meeting 4:30-5:00	SERVICES 2:00-4:00			ABC 12:00-1:00 Senior 1:00-2:00
Evening	Sunset 7:17 OPENING SERVICE 7:30-9:00	Sunset 7:16 Young Adults and Singles Planning Mtg. 5:00-6:00	Bible Study 7:30-9:00	Family Dance 7:30-10:30	

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Thursday 09/27	Friday 09/28	Sabbath 09/29	Sunday 09/30	Monday 10/01
4th Day	5th Day	6th Day Sabbath	7th Day	8th Day Holy Day
Teen Hospitality 10:00-9:45 Youth Education 10:00-9:45 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">SERVICES 10:00-Noon</div>	Children's Choir Sings <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">SERVICES 10:00-Noon</div>	Teen Bible Study 11:00-12:30 Young Adults and Singles Bible Study 11:00-12:30 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">SERVICES 10:00-Noon</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">SERVICES 10:00-Noon</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">SERVICES 10:00-Noon</div>
Meeting 15-1:00 Member's Lunch 1:00-3:00	Teen Activity 1:00-3:00	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">WEBCAST SERVICES 3:00-5:00</div>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">SERVICES 2:00-4:00</div>
	Sunset 7:09 Bible Study 7:30-9:00	Sunset 7:08	Sunset 7:06	Sunset 7:05

Security: Protect Your Valuables

It's easy to let our guard down while at the Feast. Please remember to always secure your automobiles and valuables. Lock all doors; anything of value should be placed in the trunk of your car. Do not leave cameras, electronics, wallets or purses unattended, even for a moment.

Sermon Recordings

Feast sermons will be uploaded to <http://feast.ucg.org> after services each day. To access them select the "sermons" tab and then select "name of local Feast site" from the drop down menu.

Special Music Applause

The United Church God, *an International Association* requests that you not applaud for sermonettes, sermons or special music during the Feast. One exception to this request *continues* to be the performance of the children's choir. In general it can be shown that the Bible makes a distinction between music for worship and music for celebrating and entertaining. There is no biblical statement prohibiting applause, but since special music is a part of our service worshipping God, we request that you *refrain from applauding* and instead offer any encouragement or appreciation to the individuals on a personal level. A number of musicians and singers have stated a preference for no applause, wishing only to contribute to our worship of God. To those who feel this way, it is embarrassing to receive applause for their efforts.

Stage Area

It is important that children be kept off the stage and away from sound equipment and musical instruments. There are various items that could easily tip and fall onto other items. This could easily and quickly result in very expensive, even irreparable damage. Parents please instruct your children in this matter and be mindful of their whereabouts. If your child would like to see the stage decorations, please accompany them to the front, but do not allow them to touch any of the equipment or decorations.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Opening Night Welcome Video

A 5 to 6 minute video produced by the home office, with remarks by United Church of God president, Victor Kubik, will be shown at the beginning of services on the Opening Night.

2018 Live Webcast Transmission

On the weekly Sabbath of September 29 there will be a live webcast transmission of services at 3:00PM EDT from Panama City Beach, Florida. Council of Elders chairman, Donald Ward, and United Church of God president, Victor Kubik, will give split sermons. The entire service, including hymns and special music will be broadcast. Please **be seated** and ready to begin at **2:45PM** for our local announcements, then at 3:00PM we will join Panama City Beach in singing hymns. The closing prayer in Panama City Beach will conclude our services.

Mr. Kubik's message is titled: "We Are Pilgrims". God describes our life as being a dynamic journey as the Feast of Tabernacles commemorates living in temporary dwellings after coming out of Egypt. What can we learn?

Dr. Ward's message is titled "The Great Cultural Shift of the Ages". The world is currently immersed in the culture of the god of this world, Satan the devil. It is a culture based on the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life. We are looking for, and anticipating a great cultural shift, beginning with the return of Jesus Christ and the saints to set up the Kingdom of God on the earth. A kingdom and culture that will present every person on earth an opportunity to be introduced to and immersed in the culture of God.

Ambassador Bible College

The Ambassador Bible College (ABC) is an educational institution which conducts an exciting nine-month study of God's Word. The ABC curriculum covers the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and has other Bible-related classes which place emphasis on building godly character, leadership development, godly service and how to live as a Christian in this increasingly secular world.

For any who are interested in learning more about ABC or attending in future years, there will be a brief meeting with an ABC representative and ABC graduates 15 minutes after services on Thursday, September 27, in The Connection room.

Bible Study - Tuesday Night

One of Ancient Israel's greatest problems that got them in a lot of trouble was that of making idols. Creating something and then considering it holy. God continually told His people not to consider anything made with human hands as holy. But in the history of God's people, there was one exception to this rule. One man-made object was considered holy - the Ark of the Covenant. This Bible Study will explore some of the history of the Ark of the Covenant and its role with the nation of Israel, as well as some lessons that we can learn about our relationship with God. Ron Barker will present this Bible Study, Tuesday, September 25, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Bible Study - Friday Night

God's weekly Sabbath and each of His annual Holy Days have unique characteristics that distinguish them from one another, but they all share something very special. There is something that God commands us to do on each of them so that we may fully appreciate them, uniformly keep them, and truly answer that all-important question, "Why are we here?" This Bible Study, will examine what it means to keep God's holy convocation, and why our dedicated participation in them is so important on these extraordinary days. Brian Shaw will present this Bible Study, Friday, September 28, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Children's Choir Rehearsals

All children age 5 to 12 who would like to participate in the Children's Choir and have already learned the Feast songs will need to attend our two rehearsals on stage scheduled for Thursday, September 27 after services and Friday, September 28 at 8:30 a.m. Instructions will be given to both parent and child. The Children's Choir will sing on Friday, September 28.

Family Dance

A family dance will be Wednesday, September 26, 7:30-10:30 p.m. in the Mountain Lodge Ballroom. Admission is \$5/person (max. \$20/family) payable at the Information Center or at the door. If you cannot afford this, come anyway, as donations to "Family Helping Family" will cover your cost. Music for all ages will be provided. Dress is "nice casual".

Senior Citizens Luncheon

The Senior Citizens Luncheon is Thursday, September 27 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Comedy Cellar located in the Mountain Lodge. Sign-up was required prior to arrival at the Feast. If you did not sign up, but would still like to attend, please stop by the Information Center to see if space is still available.

Singles/Young Adults Activities

Planning Meeting: Singles & Young Adults are encouraged to come to a planning meeting after services on the first Holy Day, Monday, September 24, at 5:00PM in The Connection room, to discuss outings and events during the Feast.

Bible Study: God has given us precious knowledge of His Truth! In this study we will explore some of the common counterfeit ideas that can cause us to devalue the truth. We will also leave with some tools to identify and avoid these pitfalls. Scott McKeon will present this Bible Study, Saturday, September 29, 11:00AM in the Williams Room, located in the lower level of Allegheny Springs.

Teen Activities

Hospitality: The teen hospitality hours will be Tuesday, September 25 and Thursday, September 27 from 9:00-9:45AM in the 20 Below room, located in the Shaver's Centre.

Teen Activity: We are planning a teen activity on Friday afternoon 1-3pm. Please come to the Teen Hospitality hours on Tuesday and Thursday morning, where we will plan and organize our Friday activity.

Teen Bible Study: Vision... the act or power of anticipating that which will or may come to be. In this interactive Bible Study, we will discuss how having a vision helped build a rocket, win a gold medal, and buy a swamp. We will cover different aspects of having a vision and see how it can shape our lives. Duane Phelps will present this Bible Study, Saturday, September 29, at 11:00AM in the Tygart Room, located in the lower level of Allegheny Springs. Bring a bible and notebook.

Youth Activity Booklets

Feast Activity Booklets are available for **youth and teens** at the Information Center. Please select the booklet for your child's current grade level. There are four booklets this year: K-1, 2-3, 4-6, Teen. Families who registered on the Feast Website should pick up their booklets first. Families who did not register may pick up any extra booklets that may be available.

Youth Instruction

Festival Youth Instruction lessons for children **ages 4 to 12** will be conducted **BEFORE** services on Tuesday, September 25 and Thursday September 27 in The Connection room, located in the upper level of the Shaver's Centre. Classes will begin promptly at 9:00AM and will conclude just prior to the start of services at 9:45AM. Children cannot be "released" at the end of the classroom, unless a Parent or responsible party is there to escort the child back to their seat.

SPEAKING SCHEDULE

	<i>Songleader</i>	<i>Sermonette</i>	<i>Sermon</i>
<i>Sunday, Sept. 23 Opening Night</i>	Joshua Creech	<i>none</i>	Bart Bornhorst
<i>Holy Day, Sept. 24</i>	Andy Duran	Joe Horton	Brian Shaw
<i>Tuesday, Sept. 25</i>	Joshua Creech	Keith Haab	John Miller
<i>Wednesday, Sept. 26</i>	Andy Duran	Devin Schulz	Michael Phelps
<i>Thursday, Sept. 27</i>	Joshua Creech	Randy Urwiller*	Aaron Creech*
<i>Friday, Sept. 28</i>	Andy Duran	Russ DeVilbiss	Len Martin
<i>Sabbath, Sept. 29</i>	<i>(Webcast)</i>	<i>(Don Ward)</i>	<i>(Victor Kubik)</i>
<i>Sunday, Sept. 30</i>	Joshua Creech	Bill Robinson	Ron Barker
<i>LGD AM, Oct. 1</i>	Andy Duran	Scott McKeon	Kevin Call
<i>LGD AM, Oct. 1</i>	Joshua Creech	<i>none</i>	Shawn Cortelyou

* Split Sermon

	<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Presenter</i>
<i>Bible Study</i>	Tuesday, 9/25	7:30pm	Ron Barker
<i>Bible Study</i>	Friday, 9/28	7:30pm	Brian Shaw
<i>Teen Bible Study</i>	Saturday, 9/29	11:00am	Duane Phelps
<i>Young Adults Bible Study</i>	Saturday, 9/29	11:00am	Scott McKeon

Feast of Tabernacles - Speakers

- Ron Barker** - pastor, Dayton, Ohio
- Bart Bornhorst** - pastor, Indianapolis and Fort Wayne, Indiana
- Kevin Call** - pastor, Portsmouth, Ohio and Prestonsburg, Kentucky
- Aaron Creech** - pastor, Bethlehem, Lewistown & York, Pennsylvania
- Larry Cortelyou** - elder, Canton, Illinois
- Shawn Cortelyou** - pastor, Elkhart and Munster, Indiana
- Russ DeVilbiss** - elder, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Andy Duran** - ministerial trainee, Cincinnati East AM & PM
- Keith Haab** - elder, Ann Arbor, Michigan
- Joe Horton** - elder, Mansfield, Ohio
- Len Martin** - pastor, Cambridge, Columbus and Mansfield, Ohio
- Scott McKeon** - elder, Phoenix, Arizona
- John Miller** - assistant pastor, North Canton and Youngstown, Ohio
- Duane Phelps** - member, Cincinnati East AM
- Michael Phelps** - assistant pastor, Ann Arbor, Detroit and Flint, Michigan
- Bill Robinson** - elder, Columbia, Maryland
- Devin Schulz** - assistant pastor, Milwaukee, Oshkosh and Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin
- Brian Shaw** - pastor, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Little Falls, Duluth, Minnesota and Eau Claire, Wisconsin
- Randy Urwiller** - assistant pastor, East Texas and Texarkana, Texas and Ruston, Louisiana

CONFERENCE CENTER

