

October 4, 2019

Here is a list of those in the area who are not able to attend the Feast of Tabernacles. Receiving a card or letter is encouraging when you miss the Feast. If I've missed anyone please let me know.

Bowling Green, KY

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Basham	144 Dunn Moon Rd	Smiths Grove, KY 42171
Wilson Key	3835 Etoile Rd	Glasgow, KY 42141
Oren Mountain	PO Box 385	Jamestown, KY 38556
Mary Roark	606 Scottsville Rd	Lafayette, TN 37083

Jackson, TN

T.C. and Linda Carter	501 Britton Lane	Denmark, TN 38391
Charles Harkness	4179 Munford Giltedge Rd	Munford, TN 38058
Sandra Pafford	124 Penny Lane	Jackson, Tn. 38301
Helen Price	2639 Old Troy Rd	Martin, TN 38237
David and Joanne Sergent	238 Oak St	Dyer, TN 38330

Murfreesboro, TN

Wilbur (Duffy) Duffield	621 Buck Lane	Murfreesboro, TN 37129
Johnnie Mastin	5236 W. Gum Rd	Murfreesboro, TN 37127
Leo and Barbara Sancho	922 Duck Pond Rd	Sparta, TN 38583
Dolly Sedita	Autumn Oaks Center	Manchester, TN 37355
	1621 McMinnville Rd	
Susan Valdez	1016 Booger Ridge Lane	Gainesboro, TN 38562-2513

Nashville, TN

Shirley Allsbrooks	1453 Collins Rd	Van Leer, TN 37181
Lou Fakhoury	202 Walton Ferry Rd, Apt #123	Hendersonville, TN 37075
Bill Gregory	1075 Deerwood Dr	Joelton, TN 37080
Patricia Grumbir	2010 Cheyenne Ct	Chapel Hill, TN 37034
Norma Hendricks	5320 Lynn's Store Rd	Chapel Hill, TN 37034
Daniel and Diana Isbell	1214 Chester Ave	Nashville, TN 37206
Rod and Debra Kelly	6404 Riverplace Dr	Nashville, TN 37221
Barbara Nelson	1046 Waterloo Rd	West Point, TN 37486
Carl and Pat Powers	1470 Lebanon Pike	Nashville, TN 37210
Mary Styer	1335 Bakers Work Rd	Burns, TN 37029
Lois Thompson	1204 Westchester Dr	Nashville, TN 37207
Bill and Carol Vernich	4504 Boxcroft Cr	Mt. Juliet, TN 37122

*For those not able to attend the Feast you can watch daily services live from Panama Beach. Go to <https://www.ucg.org/members/feast> and click on 2019 Feast of Tabernacles Webcast Information tab.

Debbie Lutz from Murfreesboro was admitted to the St. Thomas Hospital in Murfreesboro on Thursday suffering from severe abdominal pain. She went through surgery today to deal with a number of issues including her gallbladder and pancreas. They removed some “sludge” from her ducts. Please keep her in your prayers.

This will be the last Pastor’s Update until after the Feast of Tabernacles. We had an inspiring Feast of Trumpets last Monday in Murfreesboro. There was a spirit of unity and joy. The combined Nashville/Murfreesboro choir performed a wonderful service of praising God. A couple of weeks after we return home from the Feast, I am planning to give a sermon on music and its importance in praising God.

Update from Kay Paetzmann

I have good news on the lab results, no sign of kidney damage, no anemia, liver and thyroid good, no diabetes or infections! I'm feeling better in many ways since stopping the medicine. The original pain I was having on my left side is gone. I can turn over and lift my leg now. I got help from Debbie and doing the exercise she showed me has helped so much! But the right leg and hip, and sacrum is the problem now. Maybe if I'd seen Debbie a year ago things wouldn't have gotten so bad. But I am so relieved in so many other ways and yesterday was the best I've felt in months. My prayer is that my Heavenly Father will continue to show His great mercy and allow these symptoms to continue to subside and that I won't have to have a fusion or my vertebrae to slip further. God is great!!! Thank you for your prayers!—Kay

Update from Suzanne Duckert

I just wanted to let folks know that I'm feeling about 60% back to normal. I'm still having limited lung capacity when I try to do too much but that will get better and better and I'm hoping to be well enough to attend services tomorrow and the upcoming Feasts. Have a very, very blessed Sabbath!—Suzanne

Update on Carol Vernich

Carol is home from the hospital. Her operation went well, but she continues to suffer from serious health issues. Please keep her in your prayers.

Day of Atonement

Services the Day of Atonement on October 9 will be at our regular halls. Times: Jackson 10:30 am; **Murfreesboro 1:00 pm** and 2:00 pm in Brentwood.



Nashville Boot Scoot Night is October 5th

The potluck will be BBQ theme. **** BBQ pulled chicken will be provided****. We are requesting for the potluck everyone brings sides like baked beans, slaw, potato salad, etc. Sweet and un-sweet tea and desserts are always welcome. **After dinner:** get ready to scoot your boots during a fun dance class taught by Brandon Ellithorpe and Daniel Cason. Country-Western attire is not required, but always fun and welcomed.

Sabbath Services before the Feast - Oct. 12

This year, the weekly Sabbath falls the day before the Feast begins. Many members and ministers will have already left for the Feast of Tabernacles before the weekly Sabbath. As a result, many congregations are canceling services before the Feast on October 12th.

We have provided both a listing and a map that indicates which congregations have confirmed that they will hold services that day (indicated by a solid green star) and those who have indicated that services will be cancelled (indicated by an outline red star). We hope this map will help you to make your travel plans to this year's Feast. Most congregations holding services will be meeting at their regular times, but it is best to contact the pastor as early as possible to make sure.



The PDF map can be found here:

<https://www.ucg.org/system/storage/serve/1135126/united-church-of-god-sabbath-service-locations-2019-10-12.pdf> There will be Sabbath services on October 12 at some Feast site locations, which are also shown on the map and listing provided.

Gustavo Corsi Baptism

Happy News! On September 28 Gustavo Corsi was baptized. It was done, after services in Memphis, in the swimming pool of members Frank and Brooke Zirkle. Gustavo's father-in-law, Fred Nance (the pastor of Memphis, Little Rock and Jonesboro) and Fred Kellers shared in the joy of officiating at the baptism. Gustavo's mother, Lidia Nance, wept with joy, which led most of us to shed happy tears with her.

Zandvoort, Netherlands 2020 Feast Site

After a gap of more than 20 years, we are very pleased to announce that the Feast of Tabernacles will be held again in the Netherlands. This time around, it will not be held inland but on the shore of Zandvoort aan Zee, a short 30 minute drive from Amsterdam.

Details can be found at feast.ucg.org. Marcos Rosales is the Feast Coordinator for this site, and is an elder of the United Church of God serving the Dutch brethren.



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Personal From the President...

Dear fellow servants of God,

This will be the last *eNews* until after the Feast of Tabernacles. The next edition will be on October 31. We wish you all safe travels to your Feast location. Several are already en route to where they will keep the Feast. Let's pray for everyone's safety in travel, with special attention to locations such as Hong Kong.

We thank all those who are venturing to more distant and out-of-the-way locations in order to serve our brethren. We at the home office wish you all the very best.



Vic and Bev Kubik with Braden and Georgia Veller

This past week during the Feast of Trumpets weekend, Beverly and I visited our brethren and ministry in four Florida cities over three days. We deeply love and respect our brothers and sisters who have been faithful for decades. We were also very happy to meet several new people who have joined us recently. We appreciated the hospitality of Brady and Georgia Veller as well as Doug and Belinda Wendt with whom we stayed four nights.

The Day of Atonement, the Devil and You

"Pride is the carbon monoxide of sin. It silently and slowly kills you without you even knowing." So writes American theologian Timothy Keller. I could not agree more with this analogy. Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless and tasteless gas. You cannot see or smell it, but if it seeps into a confined space that you are in, you can die of asphyxiation without warning. Many have died in this way.

In much the same way, pride has suffocated many people *spiritually*, including the high and mighty. Over my 50 years in the ministry, I have seen this happen too many times, including the tragic shipwrecking of capable and promising ministers.

As we approach the Day of Atonement, there is probably no better time to discuss this subject, this invisible "elephant in the room" living in our midst.

The Day of Atonement pictures the removal of Satan from our presence at the start of Jesus Christ's millennial and eternal rule. First, Christ returns to the earth, symbolically depicted by the Feast of Trumpets. The Feast of Tabernacles that follows pictures the coming Kingdom of God. In between these events, though, is the Day of Atonement which pictures the removal of the one who has brought evil to this earth and whose prime mission is to suffocate mankind, the inheritors of God's Kingdom. Satan is the one who has "weakened the nations" and has weakened the Church.

Note the biblical record in both Isaiah and Ezekiel describing how Lucifer morphed into Satan:

"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit" (Isaiah 14:12-15, emphasis added throughout).

"Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, that they might gaze at you" (Ezekiel 28:17).

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Five times the prime interest of Lucifer is in himself. Pride is all about "I." His narcissistic preoccupation with himself led to his rebellion against God. His pride then focused on his perverted passion to take over God's realm.

But when--in his pride--he assaulted God, he was repulsed and thrown to the earth. He and his demonic horde, however, did not quit and have continued their evil, irrational work to this day. Satan is still active in the affairs of this world.

Satan's characteristics grew and turned from a preoccupation with self to accusation, deceit and destruction. Satan is called the incessant "accuser of the brethren":

"Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, 'Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, *who accused them before our God day and night*, has been cast down'" (Revelation 12:10-11).

This has been his preoccupation for millennia. In the story of Job, Satan found fault and questioned Job's motives for obeying God. He expressed the worst possible thoughts about Job, even after God judged Job as blameless:

"Then the Lord said to Satan, 'Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?' So Satan answered the Lord and said, 'Does Job fear God for nothing? Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!'" (Job 1:8-11).

Satan's constant mindset is of accusation, criticism and judgment. As we observe the coming Day of Atonement, let us give thought to this destructive, deceitful and divisive mindset.

Satan is also the father of liars and the destroyer. Note Jesus' words:

"You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for *he is a liar and the father of it* (John 8:44).

"And they had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon" (Revelation 9:11). Abaddon and Apollyon both mean "destroyer."

On the Day of Atonement, we not only think of the devil's influence on mankind in general, but also on how we personally manage his evil nature in us.

Pride, accusation and deceit leading to destructive acts are right in our midst, and if unmanaged they will bring on spiritual suffocation.

The apostle James tells us simply how to manage this:

"'God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.' Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up" (James 4:6-11).

On the Day of Atonement, God emphasizes this to us personally through fasting. We are required to fast completely in order to seriously consider these flaws in our mindset. We resist the devil by drawing nearer to God. Fasting heightens that awareness and humbles us. Humility is the opposite of the pride that initiates all of Satan's deeds.

We must consider our own thoughts and deeds. How have we accused, judged and maligned others? How have we played into the nature of Satan?

The following words by the apostle Paul state eloquently what we want to learn from observing the Day of Atonement:

"Therefore, putting away lying, 'Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,' for we are members of one another. 'Be angry, and do not sin': do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil. Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you" (Ephesians 4:25-32).

May we all have a spiritually productive Day of Atonement as we consider all of these verses and look forward to Satan's removal.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

In Christ's service,



Victor Kubik

From Ministerial and Member Services...

We are pleased to announce the following ordinations that occurred on the Feast of Trumpets:



Neil and Rita Crane

On September 30, 2019, Neil Crane was ordained into the ministry. He and his wife, Rita, serve in the East Texas congregation.



Gregory and Marie Dullum

On September 30, 2019, Gregory Dullum was ordained into the ministry. He and his wife, Marie, serve in the Cape Girardeau, Missouri, congregation.



Brent and Kristina Fogelson

On September 30, 2019, Brent Fogelson was ordained into the ministry. He and his wife, Kristina, serve in the Phoenix Northwest, Arizona, congregation.



Alan Gunn

On September 30, 2019, Alan Gunn was ordained into the ministry. He serves in the Columbus, Ohio, congregation.



Dave and Carrie Wells

On September 30, 2019, Dave Wells was ordained into the ministry. He and his wife, Carrie, serve in the Troy, Illinois, congregation.



Andy and Amber Duran

On September 30, 2019, Andy Duran was ordained into the ministry. He and his wife, Amber, have been transferred from Cincinnati to the Chicago area. Mr. Duran will assist Pastor Randy D'Alessandro with the Chicago (Illinois) and Beloit (Wisconsin) congregations.

Historic first print run of the Portuguese *Boa Nova*

October 2 marked the printing of the first-ever print run of the *Boa Nova* in Angola. It was a time of great joy and gratitude for the Angolan brethren as the Angolan printers *Imprimarte* in Luanda delivered 3,039 magazines to the office of Igreja de Deus Mundial in Luanda.

The total print run of this *Boa Nova* issue came to a total of 10,389 magazines and it was printed in 3 countries, namely in the United States, Brazil and Angola. This is the largest print run of the Portuguese version of the *Beyond Today* magazine. The Portuguese version is a 28-page issue containing most of the articles from the English edition and published with the same date stamp as the English version.

As an additional detail about God's Work in Portuguese, we are considering a second Feast site in Brazil for 2020 near Rio de Janeiro, God willing. Please continue praying for the continued growth of the work in Portuguese. -- Jorge de Campos

